

# Covington

Resident Handbook

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*Live ... Work ... Play  
in Covington!*



Dear Resident,

Welcome to the City of Covington!

The Mayor and City Commissioners hope that this Resident Handbook is helpful to all residents of our great Covington community. This guide provides information about our city's history of neighborhoods, the services provided by our professional and dedicated city employees and lists important information about each department so that we can better serve each of you as our citizens. This guide was prepared by a committee with representatives from the staff at the City of Covington, the Center for Great Neighborhoods and the Covington Neighborhood Collaborative – all working with dedication and pride to bring each citizen a great community to live, work and play. We hope you find the information in this document to be helpful to all your family members and guests that you may have visit you. Please call 859-292-2127 if you have any questions for the Mayor and Commissioners.

The Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington is a resource to the residents of Covington. The Center's mission is to help people discover and develop their capacities, gain access to resources, and engage in civic activity that advances the well-being of the entire community. We at the Center are glad to work with partners, such as the City of Covington and the Covington Neighborhood Collaborative, to increase residents' access to information about the many assets and services that are available in Covington.

The Covington Neighborhood Collaborative (CNC) is a network of 17 of the 18 active neighborhood associations that represents residents throughout Covington. CNC enriches the quality of life in Covington by leveraging resources, helping neighborhoods build and maintain effective organizations, coordinating city-wide projects, and providing a united neighborhood voice on citywide issues. By working with the many resident groups in Covington, the Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington, and the City, Covington Neighborhood Collaboration continues to make Covington a family friendly place to live.

This publication was developed to answer many of the questions our residents—both new and existing—have asked over the years. This resident handbook has been created by compiling and condensing as much information as possible, creating a general information resource that answers many of the questions residents might have, and in some cases, directing the reader to more detailed information sources.

We hope you find the information in this document helpful and more importantly, that you find our city to be a great place to live, work, and play.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Bowman".

Denny Bowman  
Mayor



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom DiBello".

Tom DiBello  
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Simpson".

Terry Simpson  
Chairperson

If you have any suggestions or ideas for topics you would like to see included in the next edition of this guide, please e-mail your suggestions to [handbook@greatneighborhoods.org](mailto:handbook@greatneighborhoods.org).



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## Covington Neighborhoods

COVINGTON is a historic, urban city located in Northern Kentucky directly across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio. The City of Covington was founded in 1815 and was named for General Leonard Covington, an American officer who was killed during the War of 1812. The City's boundaries originally encompassed 150 acres. In population, Covington is the largest city in Northern Kentucky with 40,640 residents.

Since the 1990s, Covington has experienced a period of significant revitalization. New businesses have made the city an entertainment and tourist attraction. New office towers, hotels, a regional convention center, and county and federal courthouses represent millions of dollars of investments in the riverfront area. Growth has been spurred by a variety of advantages the city enjoys, including tax incentives for businesses, proximity to the airport and regional transportation networks, sweeping riverfront views, historic housing stock, and open land for residential development in South Covington.

The urban core is blessed with historic structures in federally designated historic areas in vital and thriving neighborhoods.

Covington has 18 neighborhoods ranging in population from several hundred to more than 4,000 residents. Covington is more economically and culturally diverse than surrounding communities. The city has a "small town" flavor, with many long-term residents whose ties to the community are deep-rooted. Business and civic leaders are contributing to community development through Vision 2015, the Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington, SouthBank Partners, and Covington Business Council. The City's many departments, as well as area financial institutions, have demonstrated a willingness to partner with residents to address community issues. These partnerships provide a strong foundation for efforts to extend the benefits of revitalization to the urban core neighborhoods of Covington — by preserving its unique assets, addressing challenges to improve community health and vitality, and harnessing the energy of citizens.

For more information contact the City of Covington's Neighborhood Services Coordinator at 859-292-2141, or the Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington at 859-547-5546.

## Covington Neighborhood Collaborative

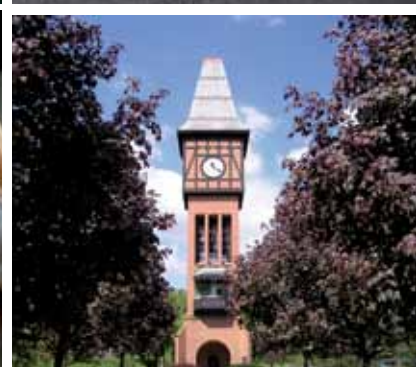
Part of the unique character of Covington is the existence of active neighborhood associations in the majority of neighborhoods in which residents are working together to improve the community. Covington Neighborhood Collaborative (CNC), formed in 1996, represents a network of the individual associations working to unify residents' efforts to improve the city. The CNC has developed a strong, cooperative relationship between city leaders and residents resulting in numerous improvements in City services, beautified city streets and green spaces, and more attention to the quality of residential life in Covington. CNC hosts regular tours of the neighborhoods with city leaders

to identify opportunities to work together on improvement efforts. CNC and Center for Great Neighborhoods co-host an annual Covington Neighborhood Summit where neighborhood residents gather to learn from one another and further develop their leadership. CNC's leadership spawned the formation of Keep Covington Beautiful — a Keep America Beautiful affiliate and partnership between CNC, the City of Covington, Center for Great Neighborhood and many other community partners. For more information about the Covington Neighborhood Collaborative, contact Terry Simpson at 859-743-4849 or Bill Wells at 513-582-3878.





# Covington NJ







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# Austinburg

Name of Association: Austinburg Neighborhood Association

Meeting Place and Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. | Oakland Avenue Baptist Church | 603 E. 17th Street

Contact: Steve Ward | [ksbward@juno.com](mailto:ksbward@juno.com) | 431-7057 | [www.austinburg.info](http://www.austinburg.info)

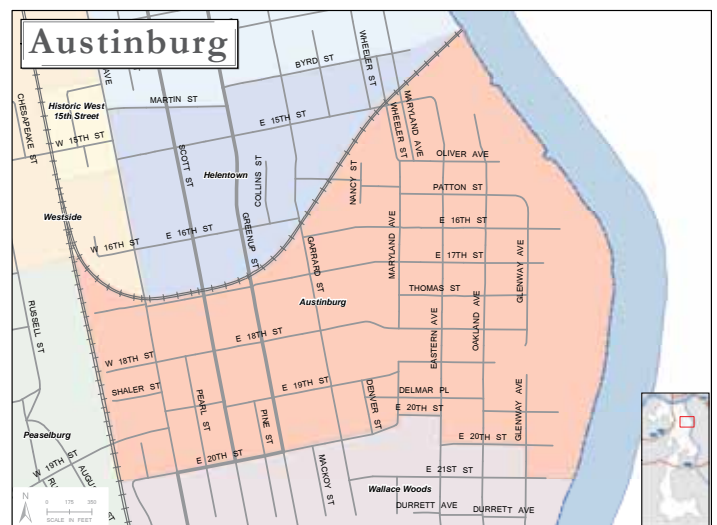


Located in eastern Covington, Austinburg is well connected by highways, two rivers, and well maintained neighborhood streets. Area residents enjoy access to public transportation systems and many major attractions. Built on a human scale, convenient corner stores provide for the impulse buy, or one last forgotten ingredient. A comprehensive network of smaller streets gives pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists the enjoyable feeling of being in the outdoors.

Much of Austinburg is designated as the Austinburg Historic District (NR February 1987). The neighborhood is named after Seneca Austin, who in 1844 purchased a sizable tract of land lying along the Licking River. He later subdivided the land and sold parcels as Covington continued to grow. Today, new generations of people interested in urban living are rediscovering this historic neighborhood. There are homes ranging from nineteenth century to twentieth century architectural styles.

Today, homes in Austinburg exist for every income level. From market-rate homes to affordable housing, ownership to rental, everyone will find a home that meets their needs in this neighborhood. Seneca Place is the first new housing project in Austinburg in decades. The homes are row style, have three bedrooms, and two and one-half baths. These homes are Energy Star-rated, superbly insulated with hybrid heating systems and can be built, start to finish, in about 12 weeks. These homes start in the \$140's. More information on Seneca Place can be found at [www.sencaplace.com](http://www.sencaplace.com)

Unique among urban neighborhoods, Austinburg displays numerous and diverse green spaces maintained through cooperation between the City of Covington and Austinburg residents: Austinburg Neighborhood Park with baseball field; community-built Maryland Millennium Playground at Sixth District School; Austinburg Gateway Garden along Fifteenth Street at Maryland Avenue; "tot-lots," and basketball courts. These green spaces are safe places for neighborhood children and families to socialize and play. Future plans include the Licking River Greenway Project, a biking and hiking trail along the beautiful Licking River.





# Botany Hills

Name of Association: Botany Hills Neighborhood Association

Meeting Place and Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. | St. John's Congregational Church | 1235 Highway Avenue

Contact: Ray Kingsbury | 261-4053 | rkingsbury@fuse.net | Website: botanyhills.org

Located just west of I-71/I-75 and bordered by the Ohio River and Devou Park, Botany Hills is a hillside community that boasts some of the most spectacular views of the Ohio River and the Cincinnati skyline. It has unique physical characteristics, along with close proximity to cultural and recreational activities in Devou Park, Downtown Covington, and Cincinnati.

Botany Hills is within walking distance to many area attractions, such as Paul Brown Stadium, Great American Ball Park, MainStrasse Village, Northern Kentucky Convention Center, the Wedding, Arts, and Entertainment Districts, and is only a short drive to the CVG International Airport. Mass transit and shuttles run through the neighborhood, making convenient connections to Cincinnati and many other points in Northern Kentucky for both work and play.

Next door is the splendid 700-acre Devou Park, where residents enjoy year-round activities, including theater, symphony, nature trails, tennis, fishing, biking, picnic facilities, the Behringer-Crawford Museum, and the 18-hole Devou Golf Course.

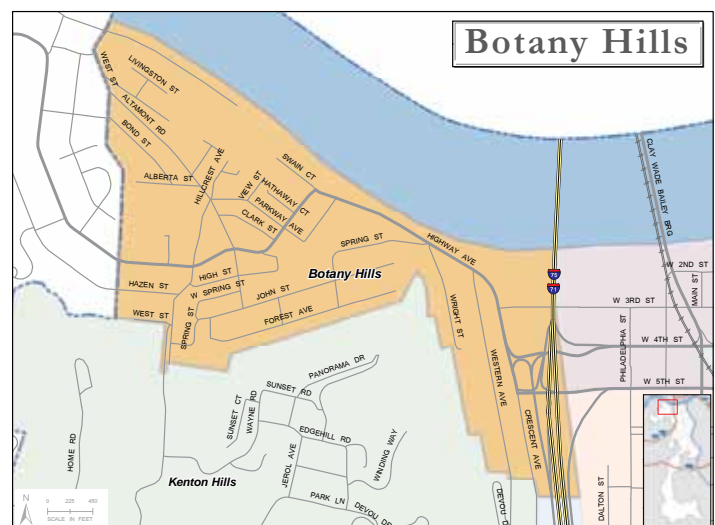
While Botany Hills has many long-time residents, in recent years the convenient location, sought-after vista, and affordable housing stock have become attractive to many young professionals as well as empty nesters. Older brick and frame houses are being transformed into quaint homes with front porches and small gardens. Upscale residences are being built along the river and hillsides for those who prefer larger interiors and modern floor plans.

Inspired by its rich variety of plantings, Botany Hills was originally named by Edwin Forrest, the first native-born American actor, who purchased 45 hillside acres along the Ohio River in 1839. When Edwin Forrest left, people called the area Forrest Hill. The area was later named Economy, then West Covington before being annexed by Covington in 1916. Recently, the residents and neighborhood association have reinstated the name of Botany Hills to reflect its history, natural beauty, and unique identity.

The neighborhood association meets every third Thursday evening. The current effort is focused on smart development planning, community building, neighborhood safety, and beautification. The association is also working with relevant agencies to create neighborhood focal points, riverfront access, and a dedicated walking/bike trail along the river to downtown Covington.



Covington is a City of historic neighborhoods. Botany Hills is joining other neighborhoods such as Austinburg, Kenton Hills, Lewisburg, Wallace Woods, Peaselsburg, and Licking Riverside to help make Covington a more rich and diverse community.



# Eastside

Name of Association: Eastside Neighborhood Association

Meeting Place and Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of each month at 6:00 p.m. | 1016 Greenup Street

Contact: Bennie Doggett | 866-1910 | oasis-inc.org



The Eastside Neighborhood, formed in the early 1900s, has a rich cultural heritage and continues to be the most diverse neighborhood in Northern Kentucky. Historically, the Eastside has produced many talented leaders, including doctors, politicians, teachers, social workers, and business leaders many of who helped advocate for civil rights in our local area. Dr. James Randolph (1917-1981), a pioneering African-American physician, became the first African American to join a Northern Kentucky hospital and be admitted into the Campbell-Kenton County Medical Society. Rev. Jacob Price, (1839-1923), Baptist minister and business owner, was an advocate for education opportunities for African-American children. On April 17, 1866, a group of concerned citizens met in the Covington City Hall to establish a school for African-American children. Another Eastside resident, Alice T. Shimmessel, from the 1940s until her death in 1983, fought against segregated movie theaters and restaurants and advocated school integration at Holmes High school.

The Eastside neighborhood is located between the Licking River and Madison Avenue and from 8th Street to 16th Street. With more than 18 churches in the neighborhood, the Eastside values the importance of family and community. The Eastside Neighborhood is proud to include within its neighborhood boundaries the Carnegie Arts Center, the Lincoln Grant building, which provided a school for African American children before de-segregation, Jacob Price Homes, Gardens of Greenup, Covington Latin School, and the world renowned Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

The Eastside Neighborhood Association meets twice monthly (2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m.) to discuss issues of relevance to the neighborhood. The residents have worked hard on gardening projects, neighborhood clean-ups, park development plans, fatherhood celebrations, and issues that affect the neighborhood's desire to maintain its culture and identity. The Eastside is a neighborhood in transition, and a neighborhood of passionate people who understand the needs of the residents.





# Helentown

Name of Association: Helentown Neighborhood Association

Meeting Place and Time: Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month at 6:30 p.m. | Life Learning Center | 15<sup>th</sup> and Garrard Street

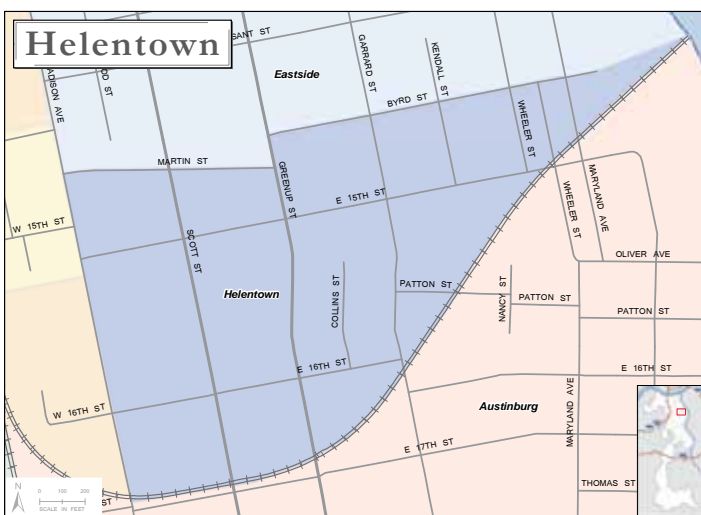
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Helentown has been a great place to live since the 1820s and contains many fine examples of Queen Anne, Italianate, and Greek Revival architecture. Helentown was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The neighborhood was formed in the early 1820s by mostly working class German immigrants. In the early 1900s, the neighborhood began to

diversify with more groups moving into the neighborhood with many different heritages and cultures, which is still reflected to this day.

The Helentown Neighborhood Association meets monthly on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Life Learning Center on the corner of 15th Street and Garrard St. The Helentown Neighborhood Association recently formed and held its first meeting in August of 2007. Current projects are neighborhood beautification, encouraging neighborhood comaderie (annual summer picnic), and applying the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). The strengths of the Helentown neighborhood are diversity, friendly neighbors, great location and architecture, and the opportunity to capitalize on improvements being made by a neighborhood that cares.





# Historic West 15<sup>th</sup>

Name of Association: Historic West 15<sup>th</sup> Street Association

Meeting Place and Time: Meets as needed

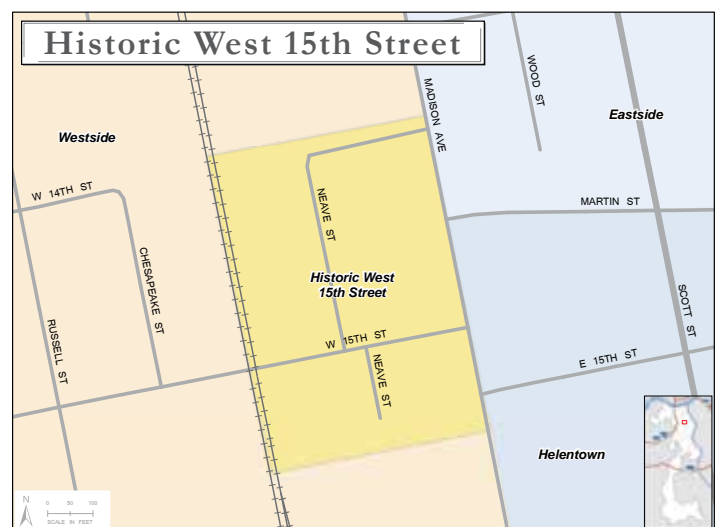
Contact: Neil Nelson | 801-1433



The Historic West 15th St. Neighborhood is the smallest historically designated neighborhood in Covington. The boundaries are from Madison Avenue to the 15<sup>th</sup> Street railroad bridge and from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Kroger's parking lot. The area is significant for its Italianate-style houses and large townhouse buildings.

The neighborhood also includes the Stewart Ironworks family home, which is currently operated as a motel, and the former railroad round house; which is now part of Duro Bag.

The area has seen several rehab projects and improvements, such as the Mutual Supply building on Neave Alley. It has been renovated and is occupied by Analytical Solutions and Providers. The area is centrally located in the city, is convenient to a local grocery store and other services, and is on a main bus route.





# Historic Licking Riverside

Name of Association: Historic Licking Riverside Civic Association

Meeting Place and Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month at 7:00 p.m. | Location varies

Contact: Charles King | 491-3608 | [cdking@fuse.net](mailto:cdking@fuse.net) | [www.lickingriverside.org](http://www.lickingriverside.org)



Nestled at the foot of John A. Roebling's Covington-Cincinnati Suspension bridge, in the shadows of the RiverCenter office complex and the Ascent condominiums, and rising from the river banks, is the Historic Licking Riverside neighborhood. Designated as a National Register District in 1975, it is Covington's oldest neighborhood. This area is noted for its vibrant population, stately architecture, streetside dining, city views, and river walks. As Covington is the gateway to the South, Licking Riverside is the gateway to Covington and Kenton County.

This pioneering neighborhood is anchored to the south by the grounds of the Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center and reaches to "the Point" at the confluence of the Ohio and Licking Rivers. Its streets are lined by Greek Revival, Federal, Queen Anne, High Victorian, Gothic, Italianate, and French Second Empire structures, which are fine examples of the late 19th and early 20th century homes of Covington's earliest settlers. A lovely mix of rowhouses, bungalows, and multi-unit housing are neatly blended into the neighborhood's tree-lined streets.

Several restaurants, including some Roebling Point restaurants, which include, Molly Malone's and Keystone Grill, provide dining to neighborhood residents and visitors alike. An active

neighborhood association, the Historic Licking Riverside Civic Association, works cooperatively with the city to beautify the area and maintain its historic integrity. George Rogers Clark Park provides a peaceful place to watch the river, listen to the sounds of ballgames, and is the site of weddings and community events.



# Kenton Hills

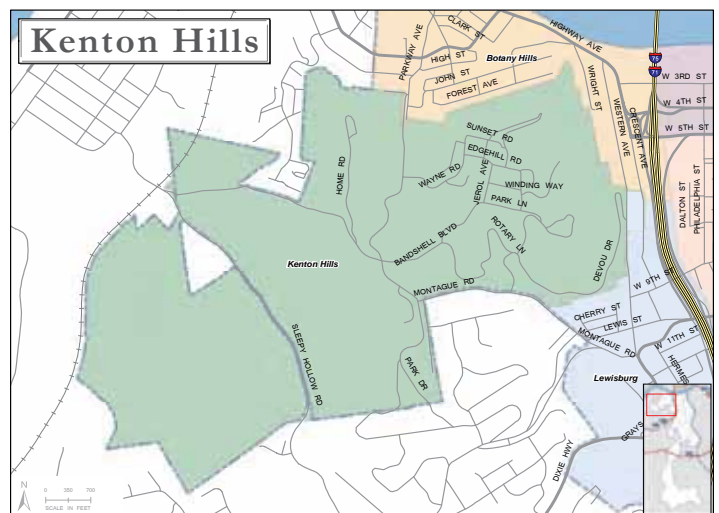
Name of Association: **Kenton Hills Neighborhood Association**

Meeting Place and Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. of every other month at 6:30 p.m | Location to be announced on [www.covingtonky.com](http://www.covingtonky.com)

Contact: Jennifer Stein | [js4@fuse.net](mailto:js4@fuse.net)



Kenton Hills, named for explorer Simon Kenton, has a park-like setting near the city's Devou Park. Many homes are nestled along the hillsides with spectacular views of the Ohio River. Others share in the splendor of the 700-acre Devou Park. Residents enjoy year-round activities in Devou Park, including theater, symphony, nature trails, golf, tennis, picnic facilities, fishing, the Behringer-Crawford Museum, and the 18-hole Devou Golf Course. The Kenton Hills neighborhood sits above downtown Covington and offers easy access to the major interstate highways. The homes in Kenton Hills are stately and present many architectural styles. The streets of Kenton Hills offer residents and visitors a peaceful park-like setting, thanks to the proximity of Devou Park.





# Latonia

**Name of Association:** Ritte's East Neighborhood Group  
**Meeting Place and Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Latonia Baptist Church 38<sup>th</sup> and Church Streets  
**Contact:** Donna Horine | 261-3525 | dmhorine@zoomtown.com

**Name of Association:** West Latonia Neighborhood Association  
**Meeting Place and Time:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m.  
Ninth District Elementary 2800 Indiana Avenue  
**Contact:** Jim Dailey, President | 261-4611 | jdailey15@insightbb.com



Latonia is a neighborhood with a hometown feel—a place that has never lost its sense of community. It offers a broad mix of homes, mainly historic, including cottages and larger homes from the turn of the 20th century, classic Craftsman-style bungalows from the '20s and '30s, and a handful of large Victorian “Painted Ladies.”

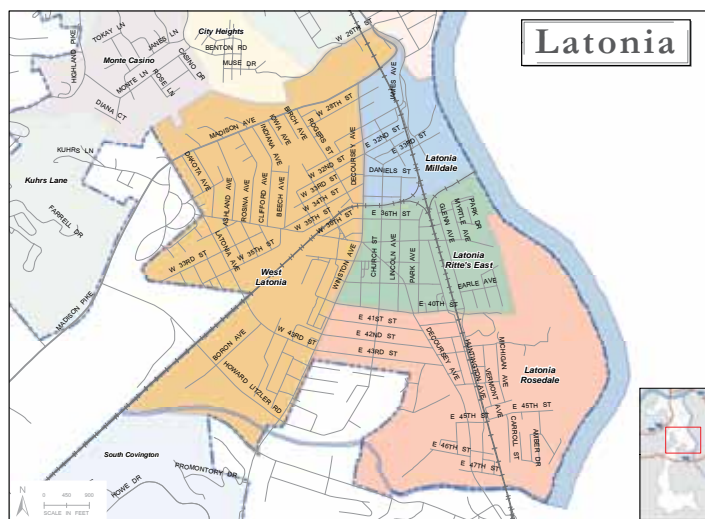
Once home to the Latonia Racetrack, one of the finest thoroughbred racetracks in the country in its day (1883-1939), Latonia welcomed throngs of people, from aristocrats to bookies. Latonia took its name from the track, which was named after a nearby antebellum spa.

Latonia has the largest business district beyond downtown Covington. At its heart lies the Ritte's Corner National Register Historic District, anchored by four landmark buildings and a new fountain plaza dedicated to those who gave their lives in the Korean War. Farther south, two popular shopping centers occupy the land that was once the racetrack, now convenient to I-275. Grocery stores, shops, and restaurants are available in Latonia, as are banks, pharmacies, and medical facilities. It also offers local schools and numerous churches, as well as two neighborhood associations and a business association.

The railroad has always played a large role in Latonia, and appropriately, the neighborhood is home to the Greater Cincinnati Railway Museum. For those who are interested in the miniature version, Tim's Trains & Hobbies, near the Railway

Museum at 3449 Decoursey Avenue, shouldn't be missed. Tim used to run the model train department for Johnny's Toy Store.

Latonia has some of the city's best recreational facilities, such as the Bill Cappel Sports Complex, which offers state-of-the-art baseball/softball fields, two soccer fields, and a waterpark. Rosedale Park includes both football and soccer fields that are used by Holy Cross High School and Covington residents. For a few rounds of golf, a drink, and an elegant lunch, you can visit the privately owned, 18-hole Twin Oaks Golf Course and Event Center.





# Lewisburg

Name of Association:

Lewisburg Neighborhood Group

Meeting Place and Time:

4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Prince of Peace | 625 West Pike Street

Contact: lewisburg.neighborhood@gmail.com

Around 1830, a little town grew up just outside of Covington, across Willow Run Creek, over the only bridge on the road from the river ports of Covington and Cincinnati to the interior of "Kentucke."

By 1837, a steam ferry to and from Cincinnati, along with the ambitious Lexington Pike Road project meant a lot more traffic to and from Lexington. Lewisburg began to spread its winding streets out along the slopes on both sides of the Lexington Pike. Building lots were carved out of the land grant belonging to Dr. Harvey Lewis. Pike Street became a bustling business district. Houses were built, some of them fairly grand. Covington grew to meet the town and annexed it in the 1840s, making it the city's first suburb. Lewisburg was a self-reliant little town, and may not have recognized the annexation until some time later; no one seems to know exactly when the annexation occurred.

In the decades around the Civil War, Lewisburg's German immigrants built a Catholic church overlooking the town, and the hilly streets continued to fill in with houses in the popular styles of the time. Many are small, modest, but solid houses, first lived in by workers in the many breweries and slaughter houses that were located along Willow Run Creek.

The early 20th century saw most of the industries move away. The remaining land was filled in with more houses in the craftsman



and bungalow styles. Now there is a wide mix of houses in the neighborhood, along with a few remaining businesses, including a restaurant and a corner grocery. In 1924, St. John's parish finished building a new church, school, and rectory in the center of Lewisburg on Pike Street. St. John's continues to be an important and beloved neighborhood institution.



Lewisburg today is a peaceful place to live, a diverse neighborhood with apartment dwellers and homeowners of all income levels, single people, and families with children. It is convenient to nearly everything. In only a few seconds, you could be heading north or south on I-71/75, or you could be in the quietness of Devou Park. In a few minutes, you could be in downtown Cincinnati, or be shopping in a fabulous local mall. It is also a short walk to the MainStrasse area. Its hillsides provide wonderful views, and several projects are underway to bring in new housing, so more people can live in Lewisburg.



# Levassor Park

**Name of Association:** Levassor Park Neighborhood Association

**Meeting Place and Time:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of each month at 7 p.m. | Covington Housing Authority | 2300 Madison Avenue

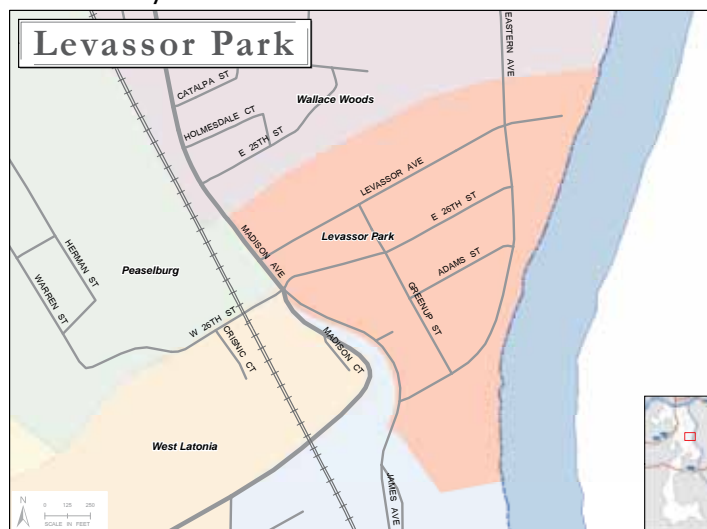
**Contact:** Frank Knapp | 431-4128 | fjbknapp@aol.com | levassorpark@fuse.net

In the 1800s, the area of Covington now known as Levassor Park was not even part of the city but was an area where wealthy people built large homes. One of those was known as the “Castle” and was located at the present site of Holmes High School. Another was built by Eugene Levassor in 1850 and is still standing on Levassor Place. The city limits were extended to include this area in the early 1900s and many of the houses, built in the style sometimes referred to as “Chicago bungalow,” date from around the 1920s and early 1930s.

Levassor Park is now a neighborhood with a high percentage of single-family, owner-occupied houses with well kept yards and a friendly atmosphere. At present, there are 156 residential units. Of these, 80% are owner occupied. The area’s proximity to transportation lines and easy access to major highways and shopping areas are positive factors.

The ages of the residents range from very young children to retired senior citizens. Professions represented are varied. There are politicians, educators, historians, and writers along with housewives, mothers, and white and blue-collar workers.

It is an ongoing project of the neighborhood association to eliminate any unsightly properties and improve the appearance of the area. Plans to locate neighborhood signs in the area have been accomplished. New street name signs are soon to be placed on appropriate corners. Further plans to install trash containers and flowering plant boxes are underway.



Holmes Junior and Senior High School, the public secondary school for the city of Covington, is located within the boundary of Levassor Park. There are many events held at the school to which the neighborhood is welcome. The large parking lot there can be used for many outdoor purposes. There are two small churches: Church of the Nazarene and Seventh Day Adventist Church. There is an Urban Learning Center on the high school grounds. It is staffed and maintained by three local colleges and is open to anyone interested in continuing education.

The membership of the neighborhood association is as varied as the population. Most of the members take an active part in the planning and accomplishing of the projects. All residents are welcome to the meetings and events. The meetings are held within the housing authority building and the meeting room is handicapped accessible.

# Mainstrasse

**Name of Association:** Residents of Mainstrasse Association

**Residents of Mainstrasse :** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month; Block Watch begins at 6:00 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

[www.romacovington.org](http://www.romacovington.org) | Chez Nora, corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets

**Contact:** Rebecca Weber | 859-578-3927 | [rweber@huff.com](mailto:rweber@huff.com) | Lauren Olson | [lauren@romacovington.org](mailto:lauren@romacovington.org)

**MainStrasse Village Association:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 6:00p.m. | MSVA Office – 406 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, second floor

**Contact:** [www.msva.org](http://www.msva.org), [kblank@mainstrasse.org](mailto:kblank@mainstrasse.org), [dkremer@mainstrasse.org](mailto:dkremer@mainstrasse.org)

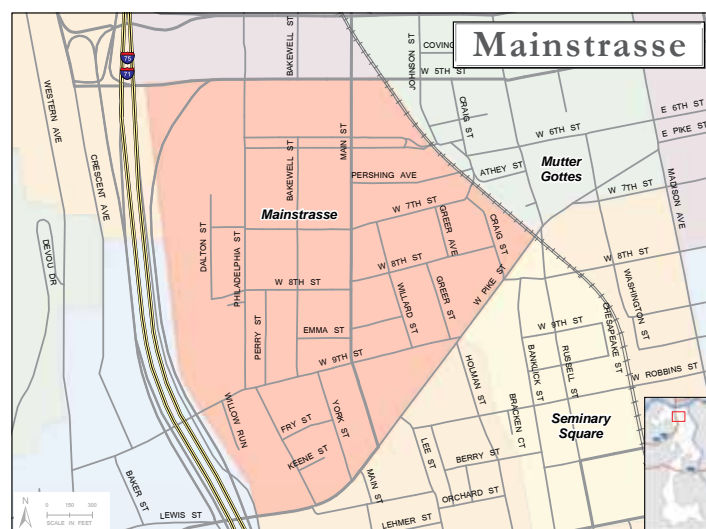
Since the 1800s, Mainstrasse has been Covington's crown-jewel destination. This historically significant area appeals to a variety of residents, tourists, artists, businesses and visitors from the region. Many of the residents in Mainstrasse are also business owners, living above a retail space or maintaining offices within the walls of their homes. This charming and cozy neighborhood features unique business and eateries walkable from the tree-lined streets filled with homes built between the 1840s and 1870s. With urban living on the rise and the proximity to neighboring downtown centers, Mainstrasse is one of the most desirable neighborhoods for young professionals, empty nesters and growing families. The area is within walking distance of Devou Park, the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Paul Brown Stadium, Great American Ballpark and Newport on the Levee. With so many surrounding attractions, Mainstrasse has something to offer almost everyone.

This old German neighborhood was revitalized in 1977 through a \$2.5 million federal grant into a German-style village that includes the Sixth Street promenade, the Carroll Chimes Bell Tower, and the charming Goose Girl Fountain. In 1983, Mainstrasse was named a National Historic District. Filled with more than 40 businesses, the Village serves as the social and economic center of the City of Covington.

The Village hosts numerous festivals throughout the year bringing visitors from throughout the region. From Maifest through Oktoberfest, there is also a seasonal, weekly farmers market, an antiques market, and The World's Longest Yard Sale. Each month the village hosts First Friday; a chance to see new artists' work and showcase its businesses. This lively and eclectic area draws residents and visitors seeking live entertainment, unique dining, and a spectacular view of the Cincinnati skyline.

The Village draws many visitors, but it is the residential areas that hold much of this neighborhood's charm. The sense of community is evident in the care shown by the homeowners whose homes often boast historical plaques, original wrought iron fencing, ivy covered walls, and original stained glass windows. The residential streets are filled with single family homes many with lifelong residents. Pride of ownership is demonstrated through extensive renovations of the historic housing stock.

Community members are committed to helping maintain this area through participation in numerous community activities. Mainstrasse has two opportunities for involvement, the Mainstrasse Village Association and the Residents of Mainstrasse Association. With festivals, historic architecture, unique businesses, varying entertainment and exceptional cuisine, Mainstrasse is one of Covington's most visited neighborhoods!

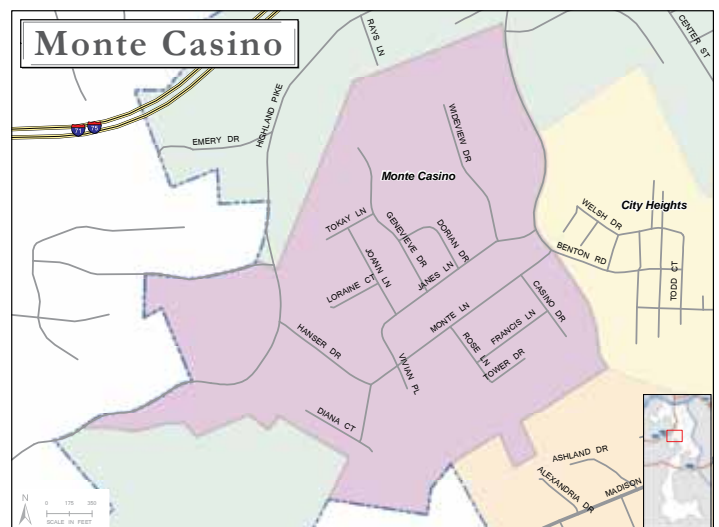




# Monte Casino



Situated on an elevated plateau with views of downtown Cincinnati and Covington, Monte Casino was settled in the early 1960s. Originally, the area was the site of a Benedictine monastery and vineyard. It was also the site of Ft. Henry, the Civil War headquarters for Union General Lew Wallace. Proximity to the Kyles Lane interchange of I-75 facilitated growth in this neighborhood. Ranch houses and contemporary bi-levels dominate the neighborhood on quiet cul-de-sac streets. New homes are still being constructed in the area.





# Mutter Gottes

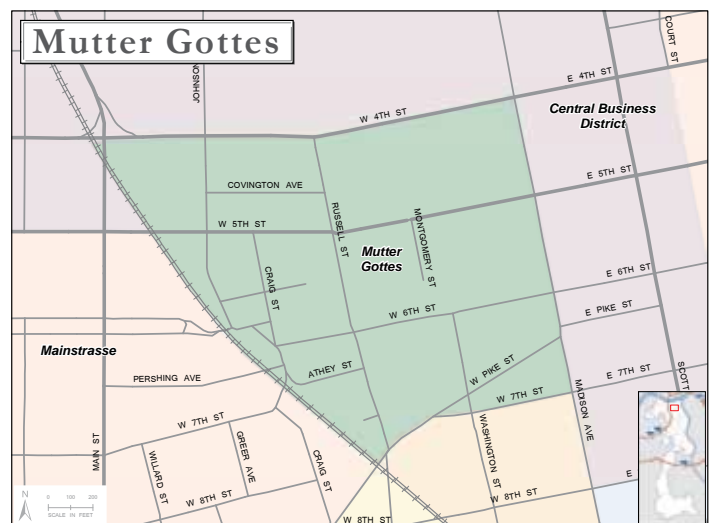
Name of Association: Mutter Gottes Neighborhood Association

Meeting Place and Time: Meets as needed

Contact: Kelly Hiltibrand | 803-3020 | [kelly72779@yahoo.com](mailto:kelly72779@yahoo.com)



Mutter Gottes Kirche, or Mother of God Church, was founded by German immigrants who came to Covington in 1841. The surrounding neighborhoods of tree-lined streets and brick town homes is named for this beautiful landmark. Mutter Gottes neighborhood was one of the first residential expansions of Covington, and most structures there were built between 1860 and 1890. The area—bound by Fourth Street on the north, Pike Street on the south, the CSX railway to the west, and Washington Street to the east—is listed as a National Registered Historic District. Noteworthy historic structures include the fire station on Sixth Street and the Albert B. Koette house on Russell Street. A garden at the intersection of Sixth and Craig contains the Neighborhood Mosaic sign.





# Old Seminary Square

Name of Association: Old Seminary Square Neighborhood Association

Meeting Place and Time: 7 p.m. on 3rd Thursday of each month | 1026 Russell Street

Contact: Greg Paeth | 261-1266 | gregpaeth@fuse.net | www.oldseminarysquare.org



Although it is one of the smallest neighborhoods in terms of its geographic reach, Old Seminary Square is one of Covington's most successful illustrations of how dedicated people – with some help from the city – can breathe new life into a neighborhood that had peaked generations ago.

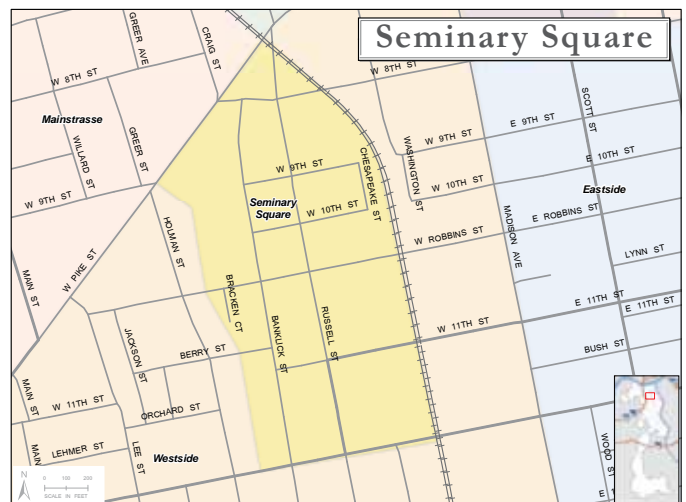
Beginning in the mid-1970s, about a dozen people began to buy Italianate Victorians that had been carved up into apartments by absentee landlords. Today, the neighborhood includes some of the city's most impressive Victorians and most impressive citizens, a widely diverse group that welcomes anyone and everyone who shares the vision of re-establishing Covington as one of Northern Kentucky's best places to live.

The Old Seminary Square Neighborhood Association is one of the most active in the city, pushing successfully for the demolition of the Robbins Street Bridge five years ago and – 25 years ago – for the installation of decorative sidewalks and tree wells on Russell and 11th Streets. During 2008, the neighborhood association added a distinctive element to Seminary Square by installing decorative fencing around the tree wells. In the past, the neighborhood association's primary fundraisers have been home and garden tours, the most recent in 2004, and a fall pig roast. Large concrete planters along Russell, 11th, and Robbins streets were purchased by the association.

Among the current residents of the neighborhood are State Representative Arnold Simpson, whose district includes much of Covington, and former State Representative and former State

Senator Joe Meyer, who now serves as the Secretary of Education in the cabinet of Governor Steve Beshear. Kenton County Commonwealth Attorney Rob Sanders grew up in the neighborhood and lived in Seminary Square when he served as a Covington City Commissioner. His father, prominent attorney Robert E. Sanders, has his law office in the neighborhood.

The neighborhood is bounded on the east by the CSX railroad tracks and by Banklick Street on the west. The southern boundary is 12th Street and Eighth Street is the northernmost street in the district. Russell Street runs through the heart of the neighborhood.





# Peaselsburg

**Name of Association:** Friends of Peaselsburg Neighborhood Association

**Meeting Place and Time:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. of each month | Block Watch at 6:00 p.m. | Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Center for Great Neighborhoods** | 1650 Russell Street

**Contact:** Co Chairs: Tony McAllister | 655-9800 | 13march1940@fuse.net

and Chris Peterson | 360-6439 | cpmp1@juno.com | [www.peaselsburg.org](http://www.peaselsburg.org)

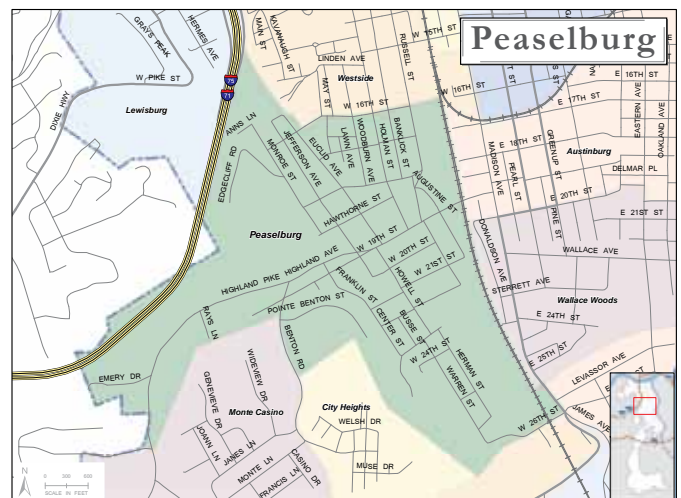


Peaselsburg is nestled in the hills and valleys on the west side of the city. Steeped in German heritage, Peaselsburg is comprised of hardworking, middle-class residents and contains a great variety of well-attended, older brick, two-story homes, cottages, town-homes, and apartments. The pride of homeownership is reflected in the maintained homes and yards. A mixture of cultural backgrounds, churches of many denominations, public and parochial schools, grocery stores, corner pubs, and industrial/commercial businesses can be found in Peaselsburg. A Millennium Mural, the Boys/Girls Club, civic clubs, and a Fourth of July parade make this neighborhood quite unique.

Whether living in Peaselsburg or visiting, you will feel the togetherness of neighbors. Peaselsburg cares about its neighborhood and the neighbors watch out for one another. Although it is one small burg, Peaselsburg is proud to be a neighborhood in the City of Covington.

The Friends of Peaselsburg Neighborhood Association (FOPNA), comprised of residents of all ages, maintain four gardens within the area and sponsor annual cleanups, bake sales, festivals and more. FOPNA meets on the 4th Monday of the month at

7:00 p.m. at the Center for Great Neighborhoods, 1650 Russell Street. For more information regarding the Friends of Peaselsburg, please contact them at: Phone: 859-491-2220 ext. 16 or Email: [fopnanews1@peoplepc.com](mailto:fopnanews1@peoplepc.com)



# South Covington

Name of Association: South Covington Community Action Association

Meeting Place and Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of each month at 7:00 p.m. | Hands Pike Firehouse

Contact: Bill Wells | 356-1110 | bill@southcovington.com | southcovington.com



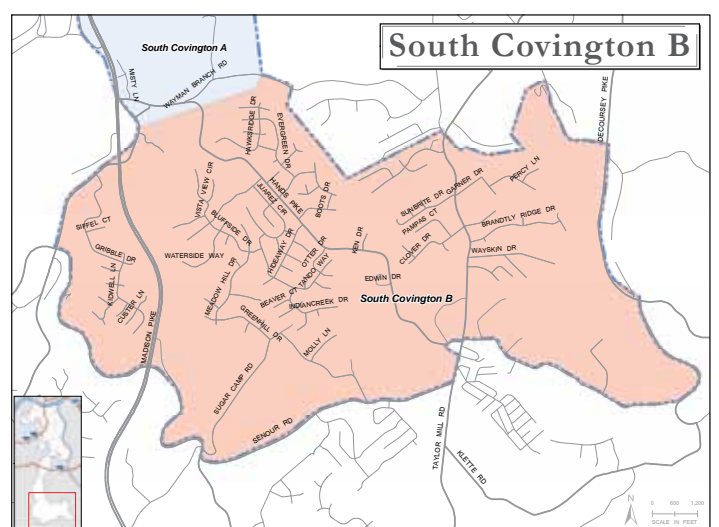
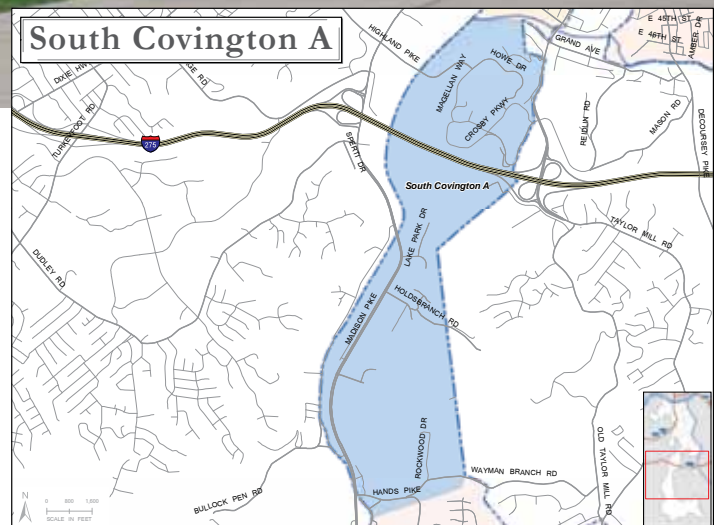
South Covington is the largest neighborhood in geographic size within the city of Covington. The neighborhood is comprised of multiple subdivisions, which are nestled on rolling hills and among wooded areas. This area was annexed by Covington in 1977 and consists primarily of single-family residences. A small neighborhood park lies next to the Hands Pike Firehouse, where younger children can climb and swing. Pioneer Park on Madison Pike provides ample recreational opportunity and picnic shelters. The Paw Park is also at Pioneer Park for the dog lovers in the area. South Covington has direct access to both I-275 and I-75/71.

The South Covington Community Action Association is a very active association with membership open to all residents and businesses in South Covington.

Regular meetings are held at the Hands Pike Firehouse at 1255 Hands Pike on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Social ½ hour begins at 6:30, and meetings start at 7:00. For more information, please contact Bill Wells at 356-1110 or visit [www.southcovington.com](http://www.southcovington.com).

## South Covington Community Action Association Mission Statement

*The mission of the SCCAA is to work as a group to improve our community, address neighborhood concerns and promote the quality of life in South Covington.*





# Wallace Woods

Name of Association: Wallace Woods Neighborhood Association

Meeting Place and Time: 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of each month at 7:00 p.m. | Location varies

Contact: Chris Gastright | [www.wallacewoods.org](http://www.wallacewoods.org)

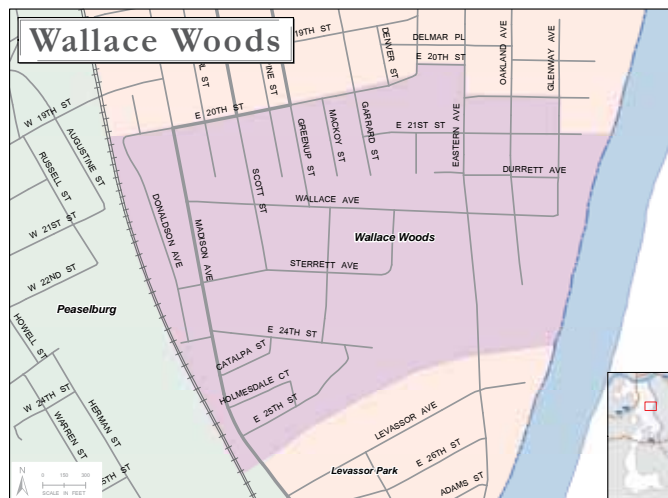
Around 1895, Wallace Woods was developed from the Wallace family farm at the edge of what was then Covington. The Wallace property was divided, and over time, developed in a variety of ways. Some smaller homes were built for workers engaged in constructing the neighborhood's larger homes, a few of which were built for wealthy Cincinnati mercantile families. Wallace Woods contains a diversity of house styles and sizes, reflecting several architectural periods, including Colonial Revival, Arts & Crafts, Italianate, and Victorian. In addition, many homes have elements of other styles, including Romanesque. While homes in the neighborhood reflect the unique craftsmanship of their time, many have elaborate gardens that reflect the strong sense of pride and ownership among today's residents.

The neighborhood's residents, like their homes, also reflect diversity, and include the Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, nurses, doctors, educators, singles, families, retirees, college students, and new graduates. People are attracted to Wallace Woods by the unique character of the homes, its close proximity to downtown Cincinnati, as well as its active and vibrant neighborhood association.



The Wallace Woods Neighborhood Association has remained an active force, both politically and socially, for more than 30 years. Through the association, residents established a "good neighbor" scholarship fund for Covington high school graduates; put the "woods" back into Wallace Woods by purchasing and planting over 100 trees during the 1990s; and landscaped traffic islands and other key "green spaces" in the local area, including developing, in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Covington and the city's Parks &

Recreation Department, a new park containing mosaic stepping stones at the corner of Madison & Sterrett Avenues. Recently the neighborhood bought community banners that are, thanks to the city's Public Improvement Department, prominently displayed on neighborhood streets. An example of the neighborhood's current priorities are its efforts to introduce environmentally sensitive construction techniques to deal with drainage issues in alleys, and its plans to enhance pedestrian safety after the successful effort to remove highway designation from some neighborhood streets.



The neighborhood's social activities are legendary. Each year a neighborhood-wide yard sale, a pie and cake auction, a bluegrass concert, corn roast, and progressive dinner are held. Periodically, Wallace Woods hosts historic house tours, which have been both popular and profitable for the association. For residents of Wallace Woods, building community begins in the neighborhood.

For more information on Wallace Woods and the Wallace Woods Neighborhood Association, and for a walking tour of the neighborhood, visit [www.wallacewoods.org](http://www.wallacewoods.org).

# Westside

Name of Association: Westside Action Coalition

Meeting Place and Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month at 6:30 p.m. | Center for Great Neighborhoods | 1650 Russell Street

Contact: Tracey Kidd (491-1404) or Charlotte Webb (261-0758) | [www.westsideactioncoalition.org](http://www.westsideactioncoalition.org)



The Westside is a diverse neighborhood bounded by Pike Street on the north, 1-75 on the west, 15th Street on the south, and Madison Avenue on the east. Historically, Covington's Westside was primarily a working class neighborhood housing trades people and artisans. There are many fine examples of Victorian-era row houses built to accommodate the influx of population as Covington grew. Today, newer infill housing and rehabilitation of handsome 19th century buildings are increasingly attracting young professionals. Some areas of the Westside are designated as historic neighborhoods and others parts are eligible for historic designation. Much of the Westside lies within the Covington Arts District, where new homeowners are eligible for financial incentives to purchase and renovate buildings.

The widening of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and the new St. Elizabeth Hospital facility are expected to have a significant and positive impact on the area. Members of the Westside Action Coalition, working with the Seminary Square Neighborhood Association, are creating the Farny Art Park at Banklick and Robbins Street. Henry Farny, an artist with an international reputation, settled on Banklick Street in the early 1880s. During his years in Covington, Farny painted images of the American West that continue to be prized by museums and collectors today. This project will return Farny to Banklick Street--in spirit-- and

further the larger community's efforts to promote revitalization through such activities as creation of public art and development of green space.

Many residents of the Westside have worked hard to maintain and improve the quality of life, to ensure the safety and tranquility of the neighborhood, and to keep a viable safe place to raise a family.





# Central Business District



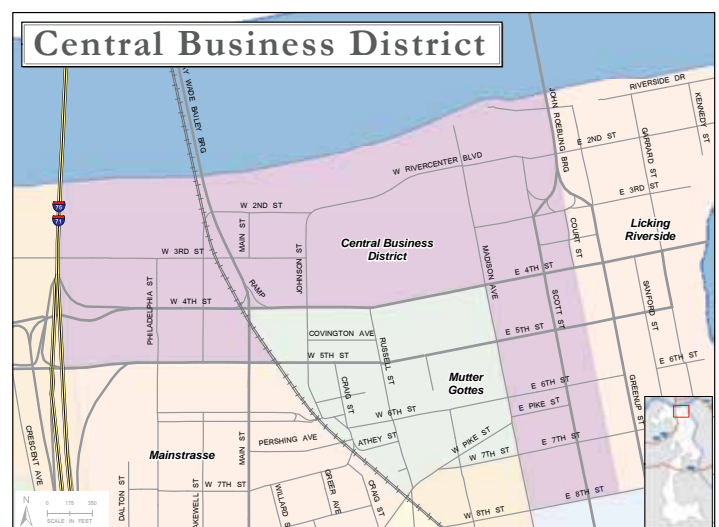
The Covington Central Business District (CBD) is home to many businesses, large and small. Within the CBD, one can fulfill many of their shopping and entertainment needs. There are several unique restaurants and shops that make the district an exciting place to spend an evening out as well as a great place for shopping or lunch.

Additionally, many companies have found the CBD a great location for their offices. The convenient location, historic architecture, and availability of development incentives have encouraged many companies to move their offices to downtown Covington.

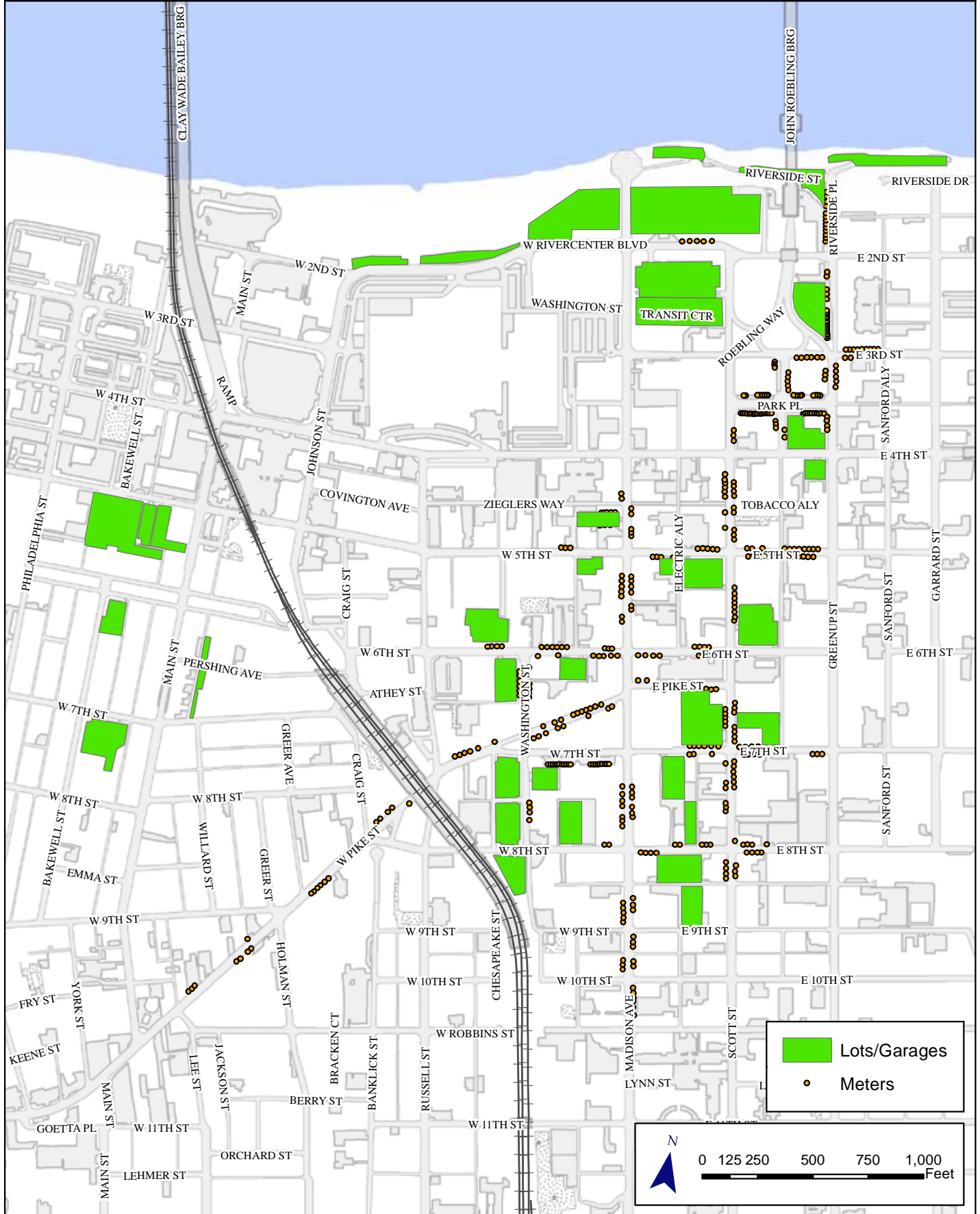
The CBD retains an old-world character that creates a small town feeling within the big city. The district's walkable streets, public art, and architecture dating back to the mid 1800s create a very inviting environment to visit.

The Madison Wedding district is nestled in historic downtown Covington and offers one-stop shopping for couples planning their wedding day. The District offers everything a couple needs to ensure "the perfect day." The Wedding Mall houses several independent retailers serving wedding customers. From the proposal to the tossing of the bouquet, your every need can be met.

Today, Covington is working to revitalize its CBD to make it as vivacious as it once was. There are many new developments that will continue to make the district a vital part of Covington and that promise to make the CBD a regional trendsetter. Within that list of projects there are a few that stand out, including The Ascent Luxury Condos, a growing Arts District, and the proposed Civic square and public market project.

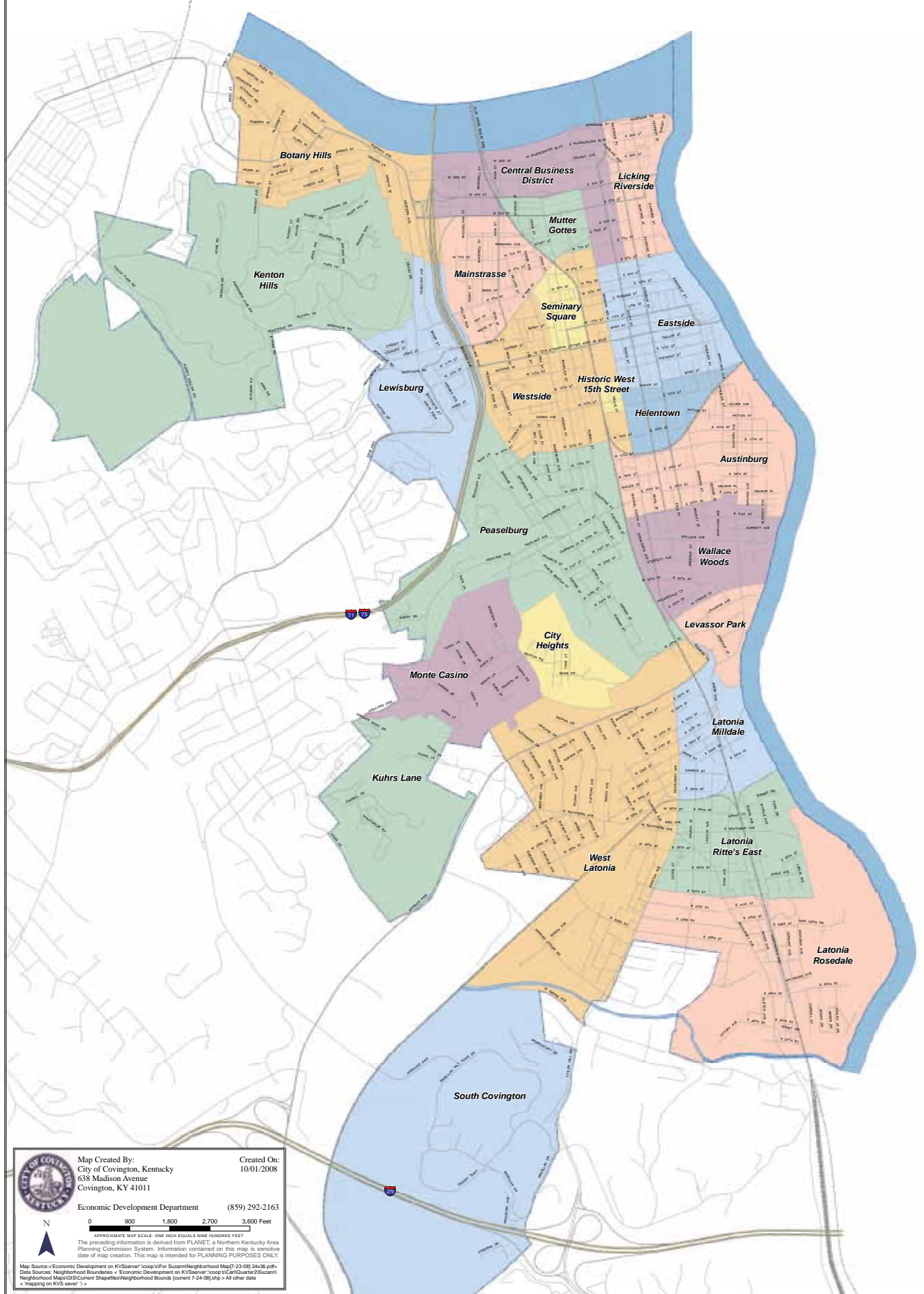


# City of Covington Parking Locations





# Covington Neighborhoods





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The Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington is committed to helping residents improve their lives as they improve their neighborhoods. For 35 years the Center has worked for positive change in Covington by bringing people together to solve some of our city's toughest issues. At the Center we believe that the secret to building a healthy, thriving community is capitalizing on our most important resource – our residents. Our mission and programs focus on equipping residents with the tools and resources they need to develop great neighborhoods



## Neighborhood and Housing Initiatives

The Center for Great Neighborhoods works with residents to create a vision for their neighborhoods, develop a plan, and work together to implement it. Through our relationships with Covington's 18

neighborhood associations, we provide leadership training, planning services, research, assistance in finding resources, and help residents develop and implement projects that improve their neighborhood. We also have a long history of helping residents use art projects such as murals, mosaic benches, and gateway signs to strengthen communities by showing that the neighborhood is well cared for. When completed, the projects are lasting symbols of community achievement and reflect the pride residents feel for their neighborhood. If you are interested in getting more involved in your neighborhood or have a concern, our staff is available to provide information, discuss issues or help connect you with other concerned residents.

The Center works in partnership with the City, neighborhood residents and many stakeholders to address revitalization needs and housing issues and to increase homeownership in Covington. We rehab older homes and build new homes in Covington. For more information about neighborhood or housing issues, please contact Rachel Hastings at 859-547-5546.

## Youth Development Initiatives

The Center's vision is to create young leaders who take pride in their Covington community and are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to become successful, productive citizens. Center staff works with youth in leadership groups to increase their decision-making and problem-solving skills, using projects that build connections with adults in the community. We also utilize arts and microenterprise programs to help youth discover their capacities and develop tangible skills. If you are interested in learning more about our youth programming, or know a young person who might be interested in becoming involved, please contact Jenni Miller-Francis at 859-547-5538.

## Financial

### Education Services

The Center's financial education program empowers residents to develop habits that will create long-term financial stability. The Center provides free VITA tax preparation, financial education classes for adults and Holmes seniors, and helps residents access other financial, educational and workforce development services in the community. We also coordinate a regional foreclosure prevention coalition. For more information, please contact Jody Weber at 859-547-5534.



The Center is located at 1650 Russell Street, Covington, Kentucky 41011. For more information contact us at 859-491-2220, at [www.greatneighborhoods.org](http://www.greatneighborhoods.org), or on Facebook.



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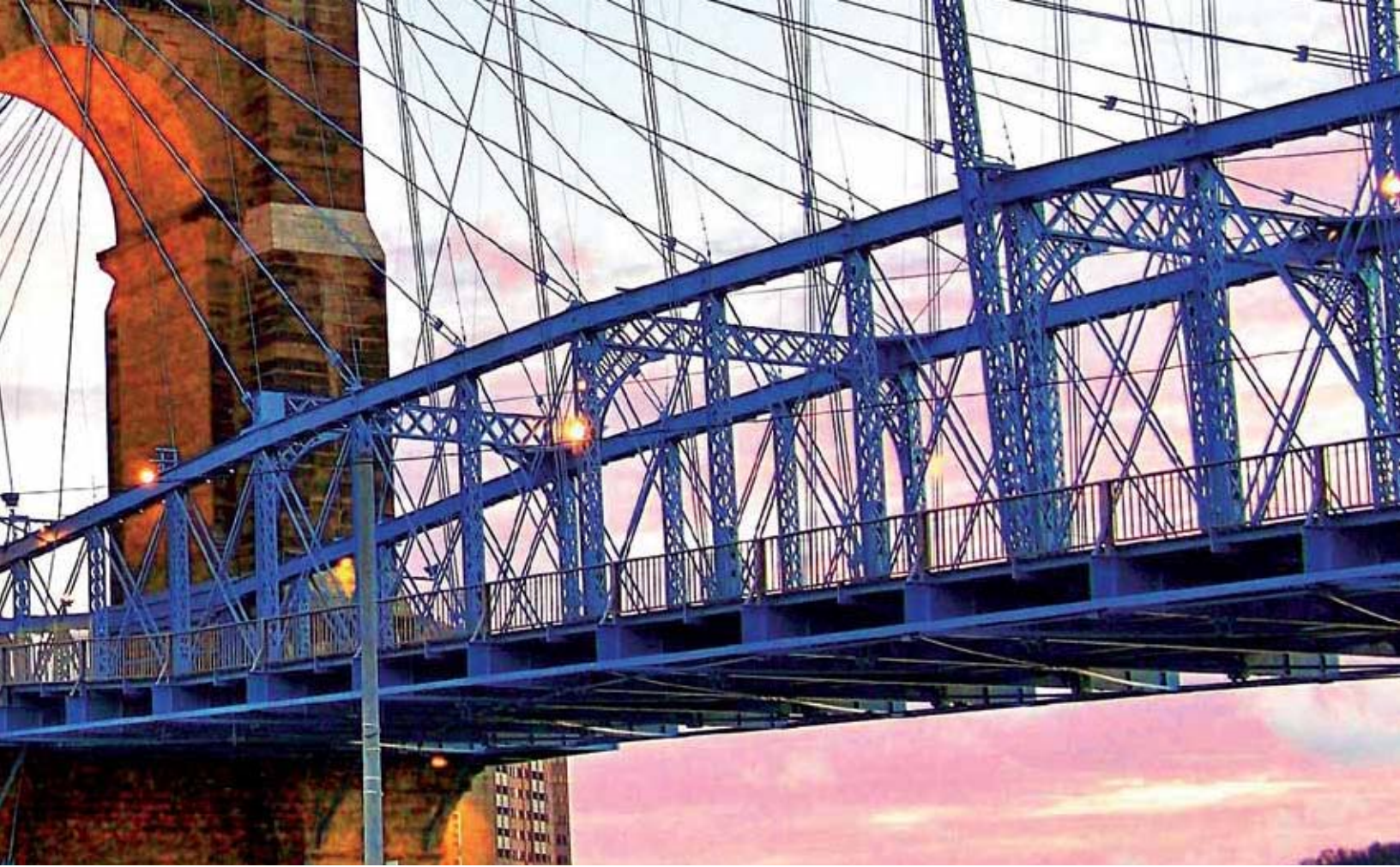




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## City Government

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The City of Covington, population 40,640 is classified by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a city of the second class. An elected mayor serves a four-year term and four elected commissioners serve two- year terms. General elections are held in November and officials take the Oath of Office on January 1 of the following year. The elections are non-partisan.

Commission meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, usually twice a month, on the first floor at City Hall in the Commission Chambers, 638 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011.

Our City is a city manager form of government. The City Manager reports to the City Commission and is responsible for the management of the City. The legislative authority is vested in the City Commission. The Commission approves ordinances and resolutions, adopts the budget, appoints board members, and hires employees.

All city ordinances are available on our website at [www.covingtonky.gov](http://www.covingtonky.gov), at the Kenton County Public Library in Covington, and can be obtained in the office of the City Clerk on the fourth floor of City Hall.

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# Administration Department



Administration is composed of the Office of the Mayor and City Commissioners and the Office of City Manager. The Office of the Mayor and City Commissioners are responsible for all legislative functions of the City. The Mayor and Commissioners set policy, approve the budget, approve personnel actions, and propose programs and services that improve the quality of life for people and neighborhoods.

The City Manager is responsible for managing all City Departments. The Assistant City Manager reports directly to the City Manager as part of the Administrative Staff, which include their Executive Assistant, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and City Commissioners, and the Ombudsman/Neighborhood Services/Community Relations Coordinator.

The Office of the City Manager executes the policies and budget established by the Mayor and City Commissioners. The total City budget for 2010-2011 fiscal year is \$77,509,570, of which the General Fund is \$47,665,516. The City's ten Department Directors, who oversee the City's total year round workforce of 387 employees, report directly to the City Manager. It is also the task of the City Manager to implement programs and delivery of services that improve the quality of life for people and neighborhoods. As the Chief Executive of the City, the City Manager delegates responsibility and coordinates the many functions and tasks performed by City employees. The Office of the City Manager is also responsible for strategic visioning efforts on behalf of the departments it supervises as well as the City as a whole.

The Office of the City Manager provides direction and general management to the overall efforts of the administration and operation of the municipal functions for the City, including economic development efforts. It receives direction from the City Commission and initiates assignments in accordance with the state law and city ordinances. The Office also creates assignments in accordance

with the general needs and services of the City or as suggested by various committees, organizations, and civic groups. The Office prepares, reviews, and edits reports, statements, and memoranda prepared for the attention of the City Commission, and also addresses problems and renders guidance to department directors and other employees.

The City Manager and Assistant City Manager meet with Mayor and City Commissioners as needed to discuss problems, projects, and programs being worked on or proposed by various members of the municipal staff. They meet with citizens, citizen groups, and other governmental agencies to exchange information and review current or proposed programs and projects. They also coordinate activities related to determining the needs of the City and establish priorities for programs and projects, on-going and proposed.

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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## Ombudsman / Neighborhood Services Coordinator / Community Relations

The City's Ombudsman investigates and tries to resolve problems. In principle, the ombudsman will try to direct citizens to the right department or organization that may be able to help. The ombudsman's overriding aims are to give a better and speedier service to citizens. The ombudsman's office is designed to be user-friendly and available to all Covington residents and businesses.



The Neighborhood Services Coordinator is the primary contact person at City Hall for residents, neighborhood associations, and block-watch groups. The coordinator is responsible for distributing information to and bringing forth concerns and issues from residents to the proper city departments where they

can be most effectively addressed. This office also performs outreach services to neighborhood groups, acting as a liaison and responding appropriately. If you are interested in participating in a Neighborhood Association, please contact our Neighborhood Services Coordinator and you will be provided with information about the association in your area. If you do not have an active association in your area, we will be glad to assist with, and provide you with information on how to begin, the process of developing a Neighborhood Association.

The Community Relations Coordinator produces the Covington E-News, city newsletters, distributes information from City Hall to the public, and communicates with residents to try to keep them informed. She also serves on various internal and external committees, as well as coordinating city participation for some local event planning committees. If you would like to receive our Covington E-News via e-mail, please let us know! Just call to be added to our E-News distribution list or click on the "Join our mailing list" link from the home page of our website at [www.covingtonky.com](http://www.covingtonky.com).



### **OMBUDSMAN/NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR**

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# Community Development Department

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In July 2010, the City of Covington created a new Community Development Department. The new Department has brought together staff from the former Economic Development & Community Relations Department with grants and housing programming staff from the City's Housing Development Department, which is now closely aligned with the Housing Authority of Covington (HAC).

The Community Development Department is responsible for carrying out a wide range of projects, programs and activities aimed at enhancing the City and its quality of life.

The following information provides a review of the Department's primary Work Program elements:

## **Community Planning:**

Involves initiating/coordinating preparation/implementation of community plans and collaborating with/assisting other city departments with their planning efforts, and working with other agencies/organizations on the preparation/implementation of other City-related plans, and the development/implementation of plans affecting Covington.

## **Zoning/Development Regulations:**

Involves administration of the City's Zoning Ordinance and collaborating with/assisting the Code Enforcement Department on enforcement activities relating to the Zoning Ordinance, and working closely with Code Enforcement to support/assist in efforts to secure compliance with other physical development and property maintenance codes/regulations.

The Department is also involved in updating regulations to ensure codes are consistent with community plans, and to create more user friendly/development friendly formats for review and approval of development projects.

The Zoning Ordinance regulates the uses/activities and built form of every property in the City. The Zoning Administrator assists citizens with zoning variance and conditional use requests, zoning compliance for business licensing, change of zoning uses on existing buildings, building additions, fences, liquor licensing, and more. If citizens or businesses have questions regarding zoning issues, they should contact the Zoning Administrator at 859-292-2135 for assistance.

## **Economic Development:**

Involves pursuing downtown revitalization, redevelopment programming, and general economic development activities to facilitate the growth, development, and rejuvenation of Covington.

The Department's goal is to retain and foster business and employment opportunities by ensuring a flourishing business environment and encouraging sustainable development. Efforts are aimed at facilitating greater economic prosperity through innovation, collaboration, and linking and leveraging resources.

Economic Development staff makes it their mission to meet with businesses on a regular basis to gain an understanding of the business community's view of the local economy, identify specific concerns and problems, and provide swift, effective solutions where possible. The Department recognizes that 80% of business growth comes from business expansion. The Department works to remove obstacles to expansion, provide technical assistance, and/or provide information about federal, state and local economic development incentives.

For more information on economic development services provided by the Department, please call (859) 292-2168.

The Northern Kentucky University – Small Business Development Center (SBDC) also provides a wide variety of professional consulting and training services to existing and prospective small business owners. The center is located at 305 John Hill Road, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41099. Its e-mail address is [cornellc1@nku.edu](mailto:cornellc1@nku.edu).

## **Housing & Neighborhoods:**

Involves undertaking programming to assist in the revitalization and improvement of neighborhoods and residential areas of the community.



## **Historic Preservation:**

This category involves administration/enforcement of Historic Preservation Overlay District provisions; coordination with the Code Enforcement Department on

historic preservation issues/violations, meeting guidelines for the use of federal funding affecting historic properties; and undertaking a variety of other efforts to protect and enhance historic resources in the community.

As noted in the City's Strategic Plan "Covington's historic architecture and neighborhoods provide an exceptional opportunity to attract and retain residents, distinctive retail, distinguished restaurants, arts and cultural organizations, and other urban amenities."

Carrying out active historic preservation programming is an important part of the Department's Work Program.

Historic preservation programs and assistance offered through the Community Development Department include:

## Certificate of Appropriateness Permits

The city has established seven Historic Preservation Overlay Zones including Ohio Riverside, Licking Riverside, Downtown Commercial, Old Seminary Square, Mutter Gottes, MainStrasse, and Pike Street.

Any exterior changes to properties located in the City's Historic Preservation Overlay Zones require a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to be issued before work begins. Application forms are available on the City website and through the Community Development Department. There is no charge for this permit and, once issued, it remains valid for six months. Building and/or zoning permits will not be approved for work in the Historic Preservation Overlay Zones until a COA has been issued.

Most work is issued a COA by staff; new construction, demolition, and work inconsistent with the Covington Design Guidelines must be heard before the Urban Design Review Board (UDRB). The UDRB typically meets on the third Monday of each month at 4 pm; completed applications must be submitted two weeks before the meeting date.

**Historic Plaque Program** that provides for a standard method, in the form of a wall mounted metal plaque, to display the significance of contributing structures.

**Annual Historic Preservation Awards Program** that celebrates outstanding efforts to preserve and maintain historic properties throughout the city.

**Assistance with Federal and State Rehabilitation Income Tax Credit Projects** <http://www.heritage.ky.gov/>

**General Assistance** in which the Department can also help with general questions regarding historic buildings, sites or areas. The Department has many resources and information that can help in researching the history of properties, rehabilitation projects, and finding contractors.

For more information or any questions regarding Historic Preservation, please contact the Preservation and Planning Specialist at 859-292-2171.

## Public Improvements:

This category involves collaborating with the Department of Public Improvements, Recreation Department, and other entities in planning and implementing public realm improvements.

The community's overall physical environment is a reflection of both the public and private realm. If the City wishes to have a vibrant private realm, with well maintained and quality residential, commercial, industrial and other development, it is important the community take steps to adequately maintain/upgrade and build a high quality public realm.

## GIS/Mapping:

This involves preparation of maps/information used in the analysis and evaluation of a wide variety of community and economic development related programming activities. A Geographic Information System (GIS) enables staff to analyze and evaluate geographic information, which is critical to the formulation/development of projects and programs.

## Grants Administration:

The Department administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs, annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CDBG program provides Covington with resources to address a wide range of unique community needs, including housing initiatives, improvements to public infrastructure and recreational facilities, as well as promoting economic development incentives. HOME funds in Covington create affordable housing opportunities under a broad range of eligible activities. HOME funds can provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; and to build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership. The City determines annually, through public input, how the both the CDBG and HOME program dollars are utilized to work towards meeting long-term goals. The flexibility of these programs allows the City to adapt programs as needed to meet critical needs.

The Department also works with the City Manager's office on implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); and seeking grants/administering other grants that further the City's community development objectives.

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### Special Initiatives:

Projects, programs and activities not fitting under other listed Work Categories, but which further/enhance the community development and quality of life in Covington, may be undertaken by the Community Development Department from time to time, and such activities will be identified in the Work Program as Special Initiatives. One such effort is the Arts Initiative.

Since 2005, the City has recognized the arts as a valuable resource capable of providing significant economic spin off in association with its downtown revitalization efforts. The City's efforts to date have served to highlight the importance of arts and culture in urban downtown revitalization efforts, and successes have been realized in securing both public and private commercial and residential investment and operational resources to sustain the evolution of such a focus. Community engagement is strong for the arts initiative and a significant stakeholder base exists in the community that warrants ongoing support.

### Information Clearinghouse:

This activity relates to serving as a resource for a wide variety of information on Covington that can be used to enhance efforts to assist businesses in their retention/expansion plans, in recruiting businesses to the community, in assisting the development community in examining opportunities in Covington, and attracting new residents to the City.



### Renaissance Covington:

Renaissance Covington, Inc. is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization that was created for the purpose of revitalizing downtown Covington. The goal is to make downtown economically viable by capitalizing on the City's

rich stock of historic buildings while identifying ways to meet the needs of contemporary society. Renaissance Covington follows the Main Street four-point approach, which includes design, organization, promotion, and economic restructuring.

### Design:

Enhancing the physical appearance of downtown by rehabilitating historic buildings, encouraging supportive new construction, adhering to design guidelines, and upgrading public spaces.

### Organization:

Building consensus and cooperation among the many groups and individuals who have a role in this revitalization process.

### Promotion:

Marketing the traditional commercial district's assets to customers, potential investors, new businesses, local citizens, and visitors.

### Economic Restructuring:

Strengthening the district's existing economic base while finding ways to expand it to meet new opportunities and challenges from outlying development.

Staff from the Community Development Department work with the Renaissance Covington Board in pursuing programming under the four point Main Street approach.

For more information visit [www.renaissancecovington.org](http://www.renaissancecovington.org) or call (859) 292-2166.

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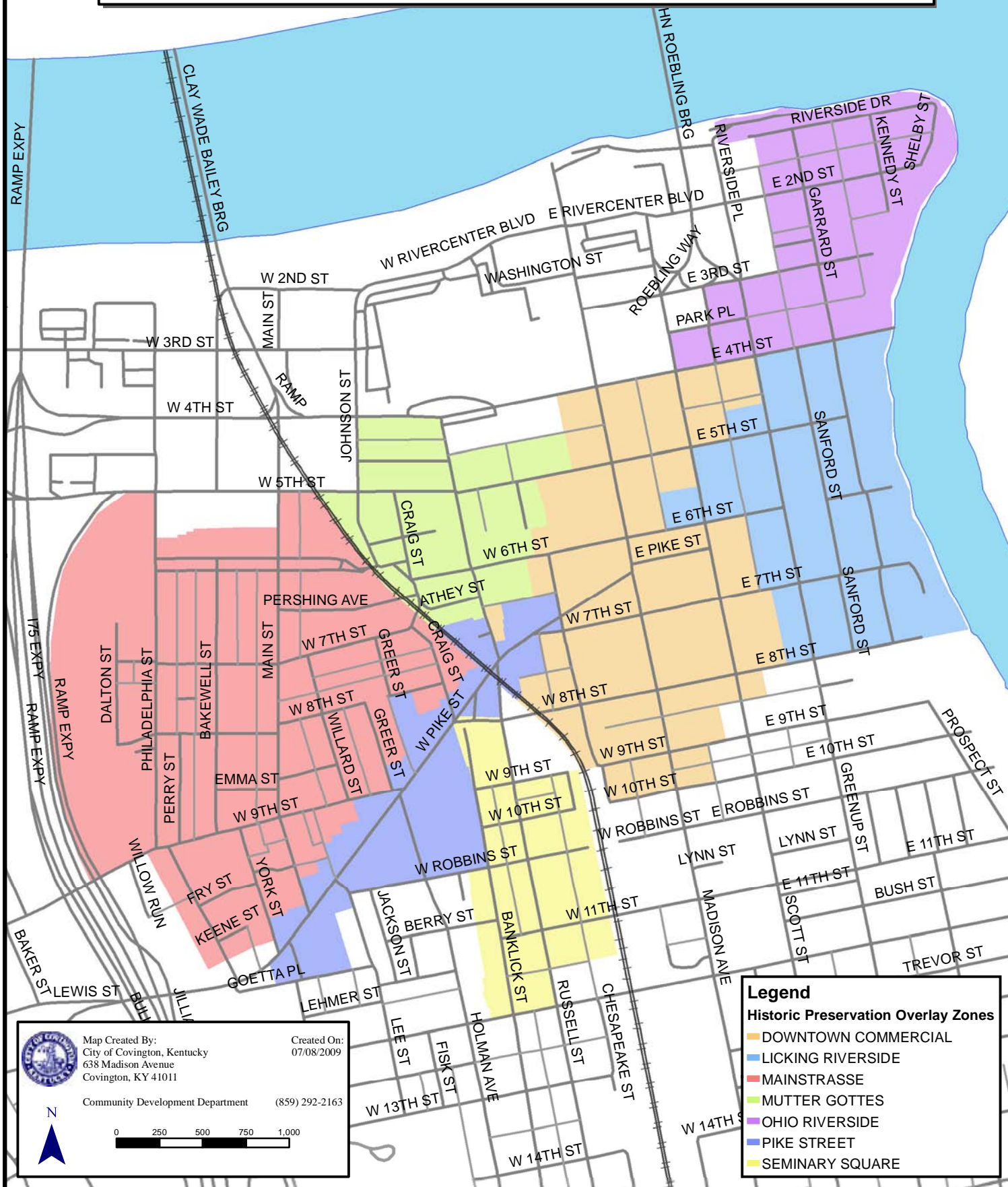
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## Covington Historic Preservation Overlay Zones





# Covington Contact Numbers

Have an issue or question? These numbers may be helpful!

## If the question is about: Please Call:

Trash & debris in street or alley	Department of Public Improvements: Beautification Division	292-2292
Trash not picked up	Code Enforcement Department	292-2323
Potholes; snow removal; street signs	Department of Public Improvements: Right-Of-Way Maintenance Division	292-2292
Sewer & storm drain problems	Sanitation District #1	578-7450
Problems with vacant building; problems with property; or building not being maintained properly	Code Enforcement Department Have proper street address (not "corner of Elm & Maple")	292-2323
Graffiti on building, bench, or utility box (if on bldg, please have address)	Code Enforcement Department	292-2323
Suspected drug activity, prostitution, gambling or other illegal activity	Police Department Emergencies Only Non-emergencies	911 292-2222
Abandoned vehicles on street or alley	Police Department - Traffic Division	292-2252
Rehab loans, housing programs	Community Development Department	292-2163
Historic districts, plaques & rehabilitation questions/concerns	Historic Preservation Officer	292-2171
Zoning or land use questions	Community Development Department	292-2163
Building permits/electrical permits	Code Enforcement Department	292-2323
Playground, city garden or city park maintenance	Department of Public Improvements: Parks & Facilities Maintenance Division	292-2292
Need to reserve a park shelter or obtain a park permit?	Parks and Recreation Department	292-2151
Stray or vicious animals; dog licensure	Animal Control Officer, Department of Public Improvements	292-2292
Suspected child abuse or neglect	Kenton Co. Child Protective Service Covington Police Department (Request that they do a "Well-being check")	292-6340 292-2222
Streetlight out?	Neighborhood Services	292-2141
Need a block watch group in your neighborhood?	Covington Neighborhood Watch, Inc. Barb Cook	468-4178
General complaints, or if your issue or concern is not being addressed, despite calls to the above departments, or you just aren't sure who to call	Ombudsman's Office	292-2141
Have you felt discriminated against in housing, employment or public accomodation?	Kentucky Commission on Human Rights City Solicitor's Office	292-2935 292-2311
You want to thank the city for good services performed	City Managers Office	292-2160
Looking for a neighborhood association near you?	Covington Neighborhood Services Office Center for Great Neighborhoods	292-2141 491-2220
Are you worried about foreclosure?	Protect My Kentucky Home	866-830-7868



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# Community Housing Resource Group

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## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COVINGTON

### Mission

The Housing Authority of Covington is committed to efficiently building better neighborhoods by providing diverse housing opportunities for individuals and families through innovative and professional services in partnership with the greater community. Our properties shall be service-enriched communities that provide an environment for residents to flourish.

The Housing Authority of Covington was created with 1937 enabling legislation, and currently maintains public housing in 9 developments:

- Latonia Terrace
- Jacob Price Homes
- City Heights
- Golden Tower (elderly)
- Academy Flats (elderly)
- Eastside Revitalization I
- Eastside Revitalization II
- Eastside Revitalization III
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program units

### HOPE VI:

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the Housing Authority of Covington a grant of \$17,000,000 for the revitalization of Jacob Price Homes. This grant along with support of many stakeholders will bring \$40 million dollars worth of Revitalization for the Eastside of Covington. Work has already begun and demolition will be completed by early summer 2012.

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (SECTION 8 PROGRAM):

This rental assistance program in Kenton County provides affordable, decent, and safe housing for low-income families who pay 30% of their income for housing costs while receiving the assistance. The program ensures quality rental housing through annual property inspections by skilled professionals from the Covington Housing Development Department. Such assistance creates a stable environment for families to thrive economically as well as provide solid, useable housing.

## FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM:

This program empowers participating Section 8 families to become employed, economically self-sufficient, and free from welfare and other public assistance. Everyone in the program gets personal guidance and help towards reaching these goals.

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (SECTION 8) HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Participating Section 8 families can own a home thanks to this program. One-on-one pre- and post-purchase counseling gives renters the information necessary to transition from renting to being successful home owners.

Neighborhood Investment Partners (NIP) was created in 2002 by the Housing Authority to operate affordable housing outside of the federal program and is a non-profit 501(c)3. NIP provides executive management services to the Housing Authority under contract. NIP serves as non-profit partner on mixed-finance developments.

Advance Network is a private 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to raise funds for the Housing Authority of Covington's resident services programs and acts independent of the Housing Authority.

Bluegrass Maintenance Service is the new brand name for the Housing Authority's Maintenance Department. Bluegrass Maintenance Service continues to provide the same high quality service to Housing Authority residents and also performs third-party contract work on a for-profit basis for:

- Women's Crisis Centers (Covington & Florence)
- Brickstone Properties
- Emery LLC
- Cincinnati Metropolitan

## WHY WE'RE THE BEST AT WHAT WE DO:

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## COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCE GROUP

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# Code Enforcement Department

The Code Enforcement Department is the agency that works with property owners on a day-to-day basis to ensure that minimum housing codes for all structures in the City are met, as set forth in the Property Maintenance Code and the Nuisance Code.

Complaints are received from tenants, neighbors, and/or other concerned parties by the Code Enforcement Officers, who inspect the properties and note violations. A notice is sent informing property owner of the required repairs and time limitations for these repairs to be made. Properties are re-inspected for compliance with the notice at designated times during the process. Some of the most common violations are:

1. Grass and weeds.
2. Trash and debris.
3. Vacant abandoned buildings.
4. Junk cars.
5. Drug and criminal activity.
6. Animal excrement.
7. Lack of property maintenance.
8. Life safety, smoke detectors, and emergency egress.
9. C.O.A. Historic Preservation.
10. Zoning, parking on unpaved surfaces, fences, signs.

Demolition of a structure can be ordered when it poses a danger to either the occupants or community.

If a property owner does not cooperate in making the required repairs, a citation will be issued. The property owner may appeal the citation before the Code Enforcement Board. If the property owner does not appeal, a lien may be placed on the property. The penalty for violation of these codes is \$100.00 per day per violation, not to exceed \$500.00 per day with a maximum fine of \$10,000.00. A persistent code violator, someone who receives two citations on the same property in a one-year period, may be assessed a maximum of \$20,000.00 per citation.

All zoning and building permits must be applied for with the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission at 2332 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017. For questions about zoning and permits, please contact NKAPC at 859-331-8980 or go online at [www.nkapc.org](http://www.nkapc.org).

Any structural changes to your property will require a permit.

In September 2008, the City of Covington passed a new City Ordinance that significantly

changes how trash and litter will be addressed within the City limits. Please take a few minutes to read the following information to be aware of your obligations as a resident, property owner, or business owner in Covington.

## **What type of trash receptacle must I use?**

- You are required to use the City issued toter for trash. If you have the need for a secondary trash receptacle, please be aware that it must have a tightly fitting lid.
- Garbage bags must always be in a trash receptacle.
- All trash receptacles must be stored at the rear of the property and out of sight. If this is not possible, a waiver may be granted by the Code Enforcement Director, but you must contact the Department as soon as possible to obtain a formal exception.
- Trash receptacles may be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 P.M. the day before pickup, and must be removed by 12:00 noon the day after pickup.

## **What can be set out at the curb?**

- You may place up to two 95-gallon toters at the curb per household, with at least one of them being the City-issued toter.
- Any items infested with insects, such as bedbugs, fleas, roaches, etc., must be treated before being set out for pick up. Treatment includes extermination or the item must be totally enclosed and sealed in plastic.
- There are specific rules about setting out many items such as carpet, tree limbs, paint, appliances, etc. Please contact Code Enforcement at 859-292-2323 with questions.

## **What if I own a business or rental property?**

- Owners of rental property must furnish at least one City-issued toter per unit unless you have provided a dumpster. If you have a need for more than two 95-gallon toters per unit, or if there are five or more units in a building, a dumpster is required.
- Items may no longer be set out to the curb from evictions unless you have arranged for a special pickup. If items are not picked up the same day they are placed at the curb, the City will arrange a pickup and place a lien on the property for the costs associated with removal of the set out.
- All businesses that require more than two 95-gallon toters must utilize dumpster service. Also, private trash receptacles

must be furnished in the parking lots of all gasoline service stations, taverns, liquor stores, shopping centers, grocery stores, marinas, boat launching areas, and all other privately owned areas that are open to the public, and they must have lids or hoods.

## **What if someone doesn't follow the rules?**

- Our hope is that ALL property owners, business owners, and tenants work cooperatively to keep Covington clean. In the event that City staff needs to arrange a pickup of items from the curb, a lien will be placed on the property for the cost of the removal.
- City staff will also be addressing failure to properly containerize trash, improper storage or set out of trash receptacles, litter in curb strips and street gutters, rubbish and debris on private property, and all litter and trash-related issues. Violations of this City Ordinance will result in fines of \$100 to \$500 per day, per violation.

## **What about these Litterbugs?**

- Code Enforcement Officers will issue tickets to individuals who litter on public property. Littering also includes sweeping trash into the gutter, placing trash bags in public receptacles, dumping ashtrays onto the street or sidewalk, scattering trash while searching for recyclables, etc.
- Citations for littering carry a fine of \$100.00. Tickets will double if not paid within five days and ultimately may be prosecuted in District Court.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Covington clean, green, and a great place to live, work, and play. To read the entire Solid Waste Ordinance, visit the City of Covington website at [www.covingtonky.gov](http://www.covingtonky.gov) and go to Chapter 95. For any other questions, please feel free to call 859-292-2323.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Keith Bales, Code Enforcement

Department Director

859-292-2323      [kbales@covingtonky.gov](mailto:kbales@covingtonky.gov)



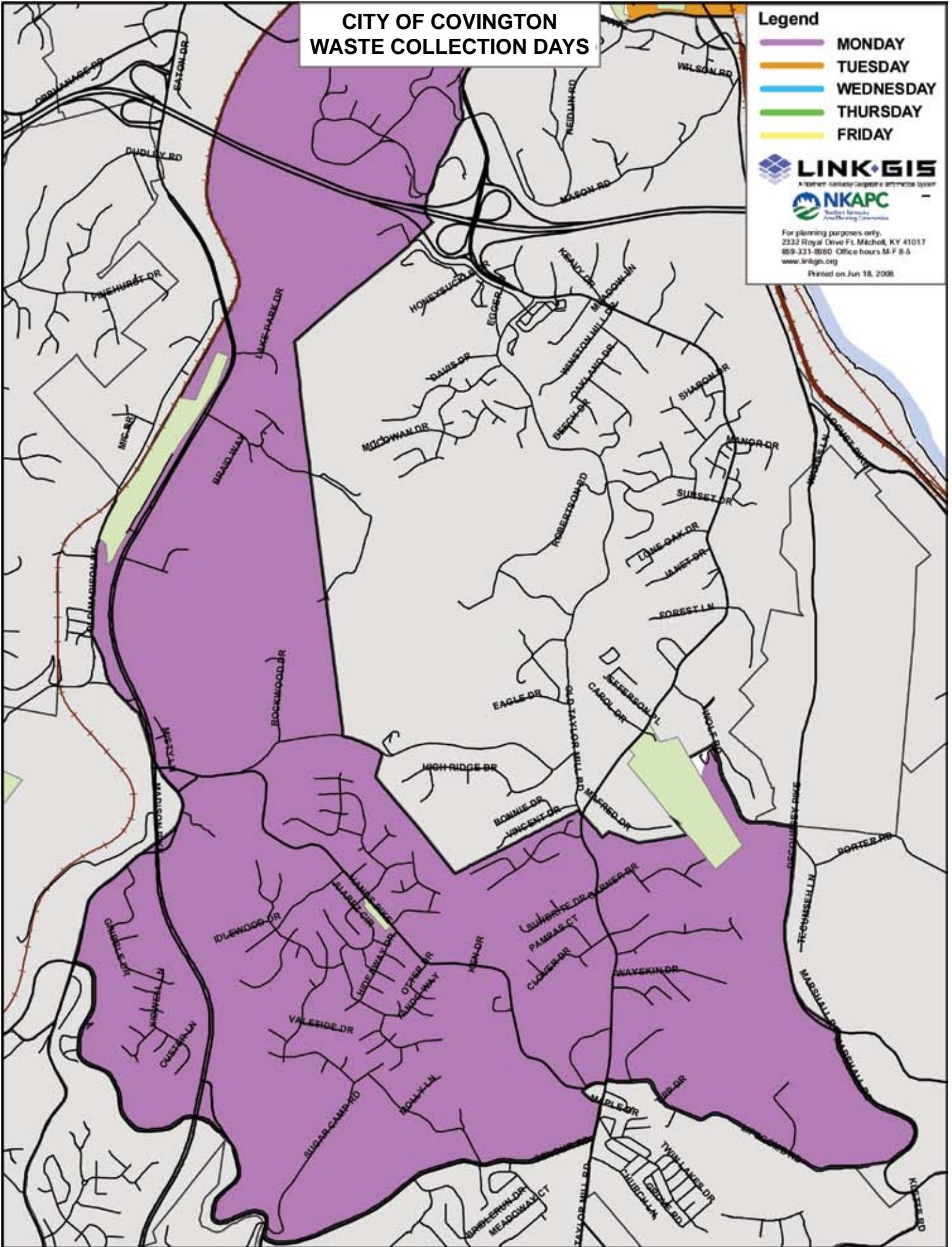
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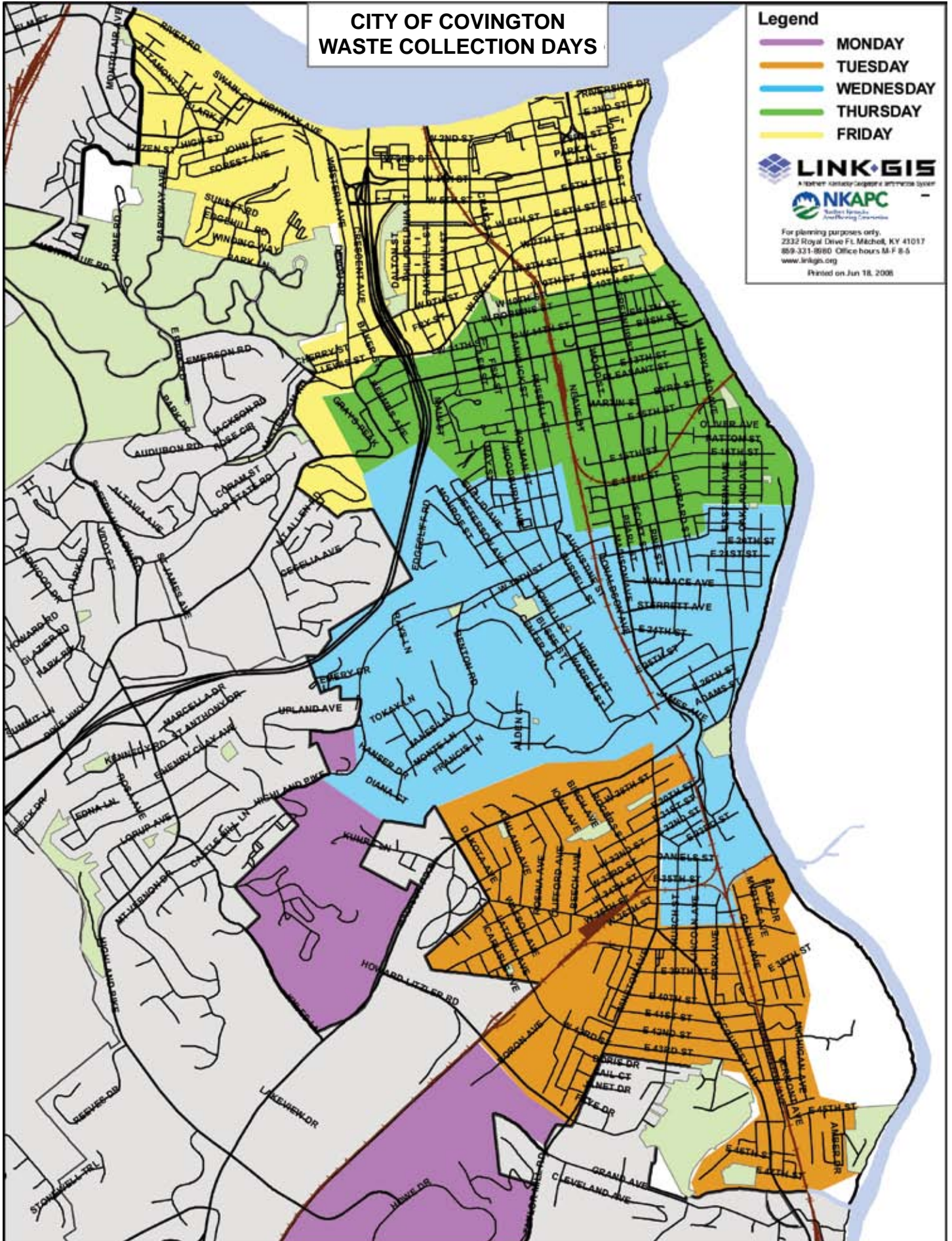
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*Waste Services*  
**Supports Community Events in Covington!**

### **CSI is proud to sponsor:**

- The Great American Clean-up
- The Latonia Children's Fest
- Covington Resident Handbook

### **CSI is happy to provide service and support for:**

Mardi Gras • Riversweep • Riverfest • Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington • Oktoberfest • Paint the Town • Helentown Meet & Greet Block Party • Maifest • Covington Area School Events • Goettafest Member, Latonia Business Association



## **CSI Waste Services Holiday Schedule**

CSI Waste Services will be observing the following Holidays:

**New Years Day**

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**Thanksgiving Day**

•

**Christmas Day**

This schedule applies for all residential services (trash and recycle). We will not be servicing Residential customers on these Holidays and will be adjusting our service schedule by one day.



## **Friends of Covington**

### **Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of Friends of Covington is to bring together residents, workers, organizations and other enthusiastic supporters of Covington. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in the community through communication, activities and projects designed to foster pride and encourage positive development.

### **Friends of Covington annually sponsor:**

Covington Award  
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Keep Covington Beautiful

### **Friends of Covington co-sponsor:**

Monthly: Covington After Hours  
Annually: Great American Cleanup  
Covington Quest

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No Plastic Toys or Sporting Goods  
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No Hangers  
No Yard Waste or Garden Tools



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# Finance Department

The City of Covington Finance Department is responsible for all of the City's financial planning, recording, and reporting of all the City's financial transactions. In addition to meeting these requirements, the Finance Department prepares the annual budget. The Finance Department also collects all taxes, fees, licenses, grants, and other revenue payable to the City. The Finance Department also processes and pays employees, vendor invoices, and debt-service obligations.

All receipts and disbursements are recorded and summarized in financial reports that are prepared at the end of the year. The reports and financial activity is audited by an independent Certified Public Accounting firm.

The audit report is published as a part of a report called the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR

is submitted each year to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for review by a panel of experts.

The City of Covington has been awarded the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since 1993.

The Finance Department is located on the first floor of the City Building at 638 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011. Normal office hours are 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. Please call 859-292-2175.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Bob Due, Finance Department Director

**(859) 292-2175**

[bdue@covingtonky.gov](mailto:bdue@covingtonky.gov)

# Legal Department

The Legal Department provides legal advice, guidance, and services for the City of Covington, its officials, employees and departments. Legal representation is provided to City Administration, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Engineering, Finance, Housing, Human Resources, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Fire, and Police departments as well as various City boards.

The Legal Department is the "claims" department for the City. The City is self-insured, and it is the Legal Department's fiduciary duty to protect taxpayer resources against claims made against the City.

The City attorneys write ordinances, order/resolutions, contracts and pleadings. Legal issues include planning and zoning, real estate, tort claims, personnel, open records requests, economic development, tax and contract matters.

City Solicitor Frank Warnock provides legal counsel for the Board of Commissioners.

Assistant City Solicitor T. Alex Mattingly is the Alcohol Beverage Control Administrator for the City.

Veteran attorneys Steve McMurtry, Arnold Simpson, Tom Miller, Jeff Otis and Dennis Repenning provide legal services on a contractual basis. Steve represents the City in civil litigation. Arnold handles housing and real estate. Tom provides foreclosure and real estate representation. Jeff assists the Code Enforcement Department. Dennis is the City's tax expert.

The Legal Department also includes the office of City Clerk, Maggie Nyhan. She is the official records custodian for the City. She prepares the agenda and minutes for the City Commission meetings, processes ordinances, and other documents.

Anyone who has a question or concern is welcome to give us a call.

## **LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

City Solicitor Frank Warnock

Asst. City Solicitor T. Alex Mattingly

City Clerk Maggie Nyhan

**(859) 292-2311**

[fwarnock@covingtonky.gov](mailto:fwarnock@covingtonky.gov)

[tmattingly@covingtonky.gov](mailto:tmattingly@covingtonky.gov)

[mnyhan@covingtonky.gov](mailto:mnyhan@covingtonky.gov)





# Fire Department



The Covington Fire Department strives each day to meet its mission of minimizing the loss of life and property within the city due to fire, emergency medical calls, and other emergencies borne of natural or man-made causes. The Fire Department accomplishes its mission by providing fire suppression, EMS services, hazard mitigation, fire prevention measures, and fire and life-safety education to its citizens and visitors.

The Fire Department, one of the state's highest rated, is a full-service agency of the City of Covington ready to assist residents, businesses, and visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The Covington Fire Department is a fully paid fire department and has been since July 7, 1864. The Covington Fire Department is also a union fire department represented by the Covington Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 38 (International Association of Fire Fighters). The Department was inducted as a charter member of the IAFF in 1918.

The Department is made up of 118 firefighters, five firehouses, and has a variety of equipment that allows the department to respond quickly and efficiently to fires, medical emergencies, and other emergencies. As a full-service department, the department provides not only emergency services, but also information and

educational opportunities. We are here to help, so please call or stop by one of our firehouses if you have any questions or concerns.

## Covington Fire Department fire stations:

### Company 1:

100 East Robbins Avenue | 859-431-0464

### Company 2:

1252 Parkway Avenue | 859-581-9835

### Company 5:

1255 Hands Pike | 859-356-6809

### Company 6:

1502 Holman Street | 859-431-3098

### Company 8:

3315 Church Street | 859-581-9918

Mark Young, Fire Chief

(859) 431-0462 [myoung@covingtonky.gov](mailto:myoung@covingtonky.gov)

## Human Resources Department

The Human Resources Department is responsible for the administration of city policies and procedures as well as safety and benefits related to employment with the City of Covington. This office is also responsible for the recruitment of employees for all positions throughout the City organization.

All available positions are posted on our website: [www.covingtonky.gov](http://www.covingtonky.gov). Applications and resumes are accepted through our on-line recruiting center through the JOBS tab on our website. All applications and resumes must be submitted by the posted deadline date and time, if applicable.

If you are interested in the Fire and/or Police department, entrance exams are typically given every two years. Applications and job requirements are currently available on our website listed above. Applicants will be notified when the test date and time have been established.

The City also hires seasonal workers and summer youth workers during the summer months with some positions ending in the late fall. Youth workers must be a minimum of 16 years of age and seasonal workers must be at least 18 years of age.

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City of Covington supports the community in utilizing co-ops and interns from Holmes High School and area colleges and universities. If you are interested in a position with the City of Covington, please register with your school's co-op and/or internship programs. We do not accept applications and/or resumes from students directly. All employment opportunities are arranged with the local schools on an as-needed basis. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 859-292-2161.

### HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

JoAnn Simpson, Human Resources Department Director  
(859) 292-2161 [jsimpson@covingtonky.gov](mailto:jsimpson@covingtonky.gov)



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MainStrasse is a historic German neighborhood with over 30 businesses comprised of shops, restaurants, hotels and taverns. Throughout the year, we host some exciting events to showcase MainStrasse Village.



## MainStrasse Village Landmarks

While in MainStrasse Village, make sure not to miss: Goose Girl Fountain (15), The Glockenspiel Carroll Chimes BellTower (47) & Goebel Park (48)

## 2011 EVENTS

- MainStrasse Village Mardi Gras: March 4, 5
- Spring Ladies Nite: April 15
- MainStrasse Village Maifest: May 13, 14, 15
- MainStrasse Village Original Goettafest: June 17, 18, 19
- MainStrasse Village Classic Car Show: August 21
- Corridor 127 - The World's Longest Yardsale: August 4, 5, 6, 7
- MainStrasse Village Oktoberfest: September 9, 10, 11
- N. Kentucky Wine Festival at MainStrasse Village: October 15
- MainStrasse Village Dog Costume Pawrade: October 23
- Fall Ladies Nite: November 18
- City of Covington Christmas Tree Lighting: November 29
- Saint Nicholas' Arrival: December 6
- City of Covington Candy Cane Hunt: December 10



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## MainStrasse Map Key

1. Skyline Chili: 502 Main Street, 859.581.2123 2. Swayne on Main 3. Boquet Restaurant & Wine Bar 4. Otto's: 521 Main St. 859.491.6678 5. The Enchanted Florist and Gifts: 523 Main St. 859.291.7400 6. Dee Felice Cafe: 529 Main St. 859.261.2365 7. MainStrasse Village Association: 406 W 6th St. 859.491.0458 8. Chez Nora: 530 Main St. 859.491.8027 9. Stoney's Gifts, All Things Princess and Fairy 10. Cosmo's Grille Pub: 604 Main St. 859.261.1330 11. Fitzgerald's Cigar Bar: 12. Julie's Inspiration Consignment 13. The Bridal Studio: 610 Main St. 513.288.0356 14. Europa 15. Goose Girl Fountain 16. Cock and Bull English Pub: 601 Main St. 859.581.4253 17. Strasse Dog: 605 Main St. 859.431.PETS 18. MK's Totebags and Monogramming: 607 Main St. 859.491.0597 19. Ottoman Imports: 609 Main St. 859.291.9555 20. Lucy Blue 21. Noah's Art Salon 22. Mother's Tattoo 23. MainStrasse Village Pub: 619 Main St. 859.431.5552 24. Kelly Michelle Photography 25. Centerfield 26. Designs by Dana Tattoo 27. Mike's Music 28. Dubbs Irish Pub: 641 Main St. 859.261.0602 29. Ritual Salon 30. Mulligan's 31. The Flying Cat 32. Up Over: 624 Main St. 859.581.1300 33. Zola Pub & Grill: 626 Main St. 859.261.7510 34. Strasse Haus: 630 Main St. 859.261.1199 35. Fraulein's Choice: 636 Main St. 859.581.5593 36. Complete Chiropractic 37. Fatty Patty's: 644 Main St. 859.261.4267 38. David's MainStrasse Jewelers 39. Kaleidoscope Stained Glass Studios 40. Leapin Lizard 41. The Candy Bar: 422 W. 6th St. 859.261.3367 42. Pachinko: 424 W 6th St. 859.431.6400 43. Zazou Grill Pub 44. Lindon Noll Gift Haus: 506 W. 6th St. 859.581.7633 45. Wertheim's Restaurant: 514 W. 6th St. 859.261.1233 46. The Magic Shop: 526 Philadelphia St. 859.431.1313 47. Glockenspiel Carroll Chimes Bell Tower 48. Goebel Park 49. Designs Direct 50. The Lawrence Firm: 606 Philadelphia St. 859.578.9130 51. John R Green Company: 411 W. 6th St. 859.655.8700 52. Rosie's Tavern: 643 Bakewell St. 859.291.9707 53. 701 Bar 54. Lime Taqueria

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# Department of Public Improvements

859-292-2292 | 4399 Boron Drive | Covington, KY 41015

## The Department of Public Improvements consists of eight (8) divisions:

### Right of Way Maintenance

- Pothole Repair
- Curb Repair & Replacement
- Snow & Ice Control
- Traffic Control Signage & Signals
- Striping of streets (crosswalks, etc.)
- Parking Meters
- Street Lighting

### Fleet Management

- Fleet Strategic Planning
- Repair and Maintenance of all City Vehicles & Equipment
- Vehicle & Equipment Acquisition
- Equipment Utilization
- Funding

### City Beautification Division

- Street Cleaning
- Leaf Pick-Up Program
- Grass Area Maintenance
- Alley Maintenance
- Special Area Litter Control

### Administrative Division

- Business Management for the Department
- Animal Control

### Parks & Facilities Maintenance Division

- Grass Cutting
- Tot Lot Maintenance
- Maintenance of all City Garages
- Maintenance of City Hall
- Maintenance of Public Works Facility
- Maintenance of City Parks
- Operation & Maintenance of Flood Protection Systems

### Urban Forestry Division

- Liaison to Urban Forestry Board
- Upkeep of Greenspace
- Landscaping
- Tree Trimming

### Devou Park Maintenance Division

- All maintenance and grounds keeping in Devou Park

### Engineering Division (see detail on opposite page)

- Pavement Management
- Right-of-Way Permits
- Traffic Engineering
- Flood Risk Management

## Animal Regulations

Dogs are required to be licensed in the City of Covington. License fees are \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$10.00 for unaltered dogs, and \$30.00 for all pit bull breeds, all pit bull mixes and vicious dogs of any breed. Licenses may be purchased at the Department of Public Improvements Boron Drive location or at the Finance Department in City Hall. There are other requirements and regulations regarding pit bull breeds, their mixes and other vicious dogs which are contained in our Animal Ordinance, which can be viewed on our website at [www.covingtonky.gov](http://www.covingtonky.gov). Failure to abide by our Animal Ordinance will result in citations to court and monetary fines.

There is a leash law in the City of Covington. Animals are not permitted to run at large, and can be impounded and the owners fined, if caught. (Ch. 90.30)

The City of Covington Department of Public Improvements has two radio dispatched Animal Control trucks. One or both of which is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

The primary duties include enforcement of State Animal Statutes as well as City of Covington ordinances pertaining to animal welfare and citizen rights. Other duties include assisting Covington Police and other departments in animal matters, picking up of strays, injured and vicious animals. You can contact Animal Control at (859) 292-2292.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Tom Logan, Department of Public Improvements Director/City Engineer  
859-292-2112 or 859-292-2292 [tlogan@covingtonky.gov](mailto:tlogan@covingtonky.gov)

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# Engineering Division

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The Engineering Division's primary responsibilities include procurement, coordination and administration of various public works improvement projects, infrastructure management and maintenance, and assisting with engineering needs of the various City Departments. The Engineering Division also coordinates infrastructure improvements associated with new developments; issues right-of-way permits, receives and evaluates street light requests, traffic control device requests, and promulgates standards for street and sidewalk repairs and construction.

A crucial element associated with the multi-jurisdictional utility entities (i.e. water, gas, electric, and sewer) is the coordination of multiple capital improvement projects in an effective and orderly fashion. The Engineering Division strives to maintain the vitality of Covington's residents and businesses by promoting technologically advanced solutions to the aging utility assets. By working in conjunction with other organizations, capital improvements can be efficiently managed.

## City of Covington Pavement Management Program

The City of Covington maintains approximately 150 miles of roadway. The purpose of implementing a Pavement Management System is to provide a systematic program for ensuring that city streets are serviceable, safe, functional, and provided at a reasonable cost to meet the needs of our residents. The program is set up to evaluate current surface conditions of every street in the city, provide a basis of comparison to define the streets that most need rehabilitation, and use this information to obtain the most cost effective way to rehabilitate city streets. The rating system combined with traffic volume and usage characteristics are used to prioritize streets for rehabilitation based on available budget. Through this method it is possible to establish streets in the worst condition, to derive a long-term plan for pavement maintenance and to decide how to best use available funding.

## Right-of-Way Management

Management of public rights-of-way is an important function of any municipal area. The right-of-way, as the name implies, is typically intended to be used as a passageway for vehicles and pedestrians. To assure the

right-of-ways are properly managed, the Engineering Division has implemented a right-of-way management system to assure proper utilization, function, and maintenance.

Any person wishing to occupy or encroach upon the right-of-way for a temporary period within the City of Covington must submit a permit application to the Engineering Division for review. If approved, a permit number will be issued and work can begin. Examples of temporary right-of-way encroachments include sidewalk and driveway repair/replacement, scaffolding installations, sewer lateral repairs, construction barricades, etc. For an application, please contact the Engineering Division at 292-2112.

## Traffic Engineering

The Engineering Division provides professional guidance and direction for various traffic functions. The majority of requests received by the department involve installation of traffic control devices. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) defines traffic control devices as "all signs, signals, markings, and other devices used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, highway, pedestrian facility, or bikeway by authority of a public agency having jurisdiction." To simplify the process for new installations, the Engineering Division has implemented a system whereby persons may request a traffic control device. A request form must be completed and submitted to the department. Once received, the request will be reviewed and evaluated by engineering and other departments as necessary. The applicant will be notified in writing of the results.

For work that involves temporary lane closures, traffic modification, or encroachment into a street, a plan must be submitted for review and coordinated with the police, fire, and public works departments to assure conflicts are resolved prior to plan implementation. All plans must be in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

## Flood Risk Management

Covington's geographic location near the confluence of the Licking and Ohio Rivers offer breathtaking views and opportunities to enjoy rich cultural and historical amenities. However,

the close proximity of these rivers increase the risk associated with flooding. Covington's flooding risk is reduced by a complex system of earthen levees, concrete walls, pumping stations, and ponding areas. These systems were designed to protect against a flood similar in magnitude to the devastating flood of 1937.

The primary components of this system consist of approximately 9,200 feet of earthen levees, 5,700 feet of concrete walls, and 10 large pumping stations. The operational integrity of these systems is the responsibility of the City of Covington. To ensure these systems will function per the original design intent, regular maintenance activities occur frequently in and near these structures. Continual maintenance of these systems is also important to assure the flood risk status for the protected areas is not reduced.

The Engineering Division, with assistance from the divisions of Right-of-Way Maintenance and Parks and Facilities, strives to maintain these vital systems in working order by providing routine maintenance, annual inspections, and implementing necessary preventative maintenance strategies.

The Engineering Division also works with regional and national agencies to coordinate activities occurring within Covington's floodplain. This coordination efforts provides an ability to assure no adverse impacts to property owners downstream and in some instances upstream of a proposed development adjacent to rivers and streams. The Engineering Division also serves as a local repository for the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's). Residents and business owners may view these maps at the Department of Public Improvements Engineering Office at City Hall to determine if their properties are located in a high risk area.

For questions or additional information, please feel free to contact the Engineering Division at 859-292-2112.



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or, When will this litter go away?'**



# Want to get to know your neighbors?

## Covington has many wonderful neighborhoods!

**Contact your local neighborhood association and get involved!**

**For more information contact:**

**Terry Simpson • 859-743-4849 • terrysimpson@fuse.net**  
**Bill Wells • 513-582-3878 • bill@southcovington.com**



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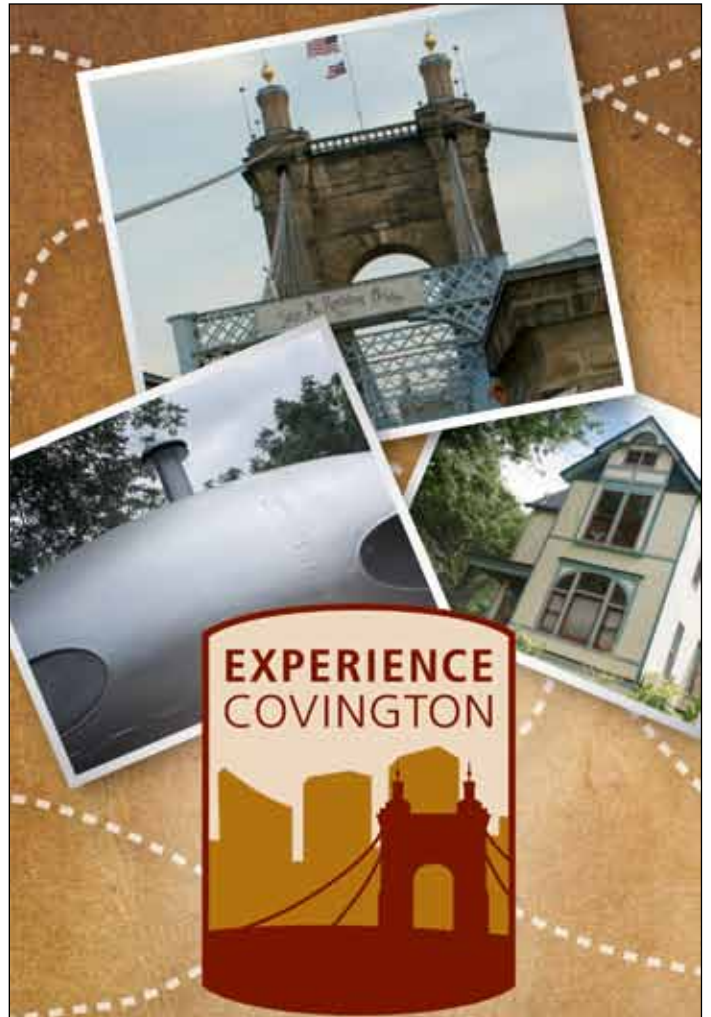
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Thomas Nestheide at 859-747-6066

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# What is Experience Covington?

**Experience Covington** is an interactive, web-based tour of historical landmarks and places of interest in Covington, Kentucky. Users can select six different themed tour routes of Covington, learn about the featured sites and listen to an audio narrative of each site.

Your tour starts at the Kenton County Public Library in Covington. Audio players are available at the library circulation desk or downloadable from the website. Print out directions from the interactive kiosk and go **Experience Covington!**

[www.experiencecovington.com](http://www.experiencecovington.com)

# Recreation Department

## Recreation Facilities

Covington recreation facilities vary from baseball fields to nature trails, from swimming pools to picnic shelters, and from gardens to a fishing lake. We are proud to offer our residents over 1,000 acres of recreational facilities. We also offer shelter and area rentals for events such as graduations, birthdays, weddings, corporate outings and other activities.

In total, Covington has over 16 playground tot-lots, 18 athletic fields, and 20 outdoor basketball courts. There are nearly 4 dozen gardens and 9 picnic shelters. Don't forget about our three swimming pools and Water Park Sprayground. The 704-acre Devou Park is by far the recreational jewel of our City, offering an 18 hole golf course, a fishing lake, a bandshell, an overlook view of the Ohio River and downtown, and more.

- Eva G. Farris Complex (Virginia Ave)
- Bill Cappel Sports Complex & Waterpark (43rd & Decoursey)
- Senator Gus Sheehan Park & Pool (Parkway Ave)
- Austinburg Neighborhood Park (15th & Eastern)
- Randolph Park & Pool (8th & Greenup)
- Meinken Field (James Ave & Eastern)
- 47th & Decoursey
- Bob Hinzman Memorial Field (Highland & Benton)
- Hands Pike Park
- Basil Lewis Park (10th & Chesapeake)
- Annie Hargraves Park (10th & Robbins)
- Father Hanses Park (11th & Hermes)
- 30th & Decoursey Park
- Ashland & Madison Park
- 35th & Carlisle Park
- George Rogers Clark Park (Garrard & Riverside)
- BF Howard Park (11th between Scott & Greenup)
- Mainstrasse Islands
- Kenney Shields Park (9th & Philadelphia)
- Goebel Park (6th & Philadelphia)
- Goebel Pool (8th & Dalton)
- Peaselsburg Little Peoples Playland (23rd & Howell)
- Sgt First Class Jason Bishop Memorial Park (16th & Euclid)
- Clayton Meyer Park (Thomas & Glenway)
- Devou Park

## Other Recreational Opportunities in Covington:

- Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club (450 East 43rd Street)
- Paw Park at Pioneer Park
- Devou Park Golf Course

For more information about any of these parks, programs or events please call 859-292-2151 or email us at [recreation@covingtonky.gov](mailto:recreation@covingtonky.gov).

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Natalie Gardner, Parks & Recreation Department Director  
859-292-2161 [ngardner@covingtonky.gov](mailto:ngardner@covingtonky.gov)



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enhance and prolong healthy lifestyles through education and recreation by offering safe, enjoyable and accessible leisure activities and programs to every citizen of Covington.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to embrace with an open mind the ever changing cultures and diversities in the city of Covington and to promote healthy, safe and inclusive recreation and leisure activities and programs for our residents and tourists.

## Programming and Events

Covington Neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation Department commits to our mission by offering and maintaining programs and leisure opportunities for all ages, abilities and levels of participation. From our swimming pools to our hiking/walking/jogging and biking trails, an active lifestyle is promoted and encouraged. For the more leisurely crowd, we offer programs such as Senior Swim & Aquatic Aerobics classes, Senior Tai Chi classes, Senior Art Classes, and movies in the park. For our youth, we sponsor a comprehensive summer program, swim lessons at the city pools, and various after-school programming.

Yearly, the Easter Egg Hunt in Devou Park kicks off our season of outdoor fun. Throughout the year we offer other family oriented events like the Annual Fishing Derby, our summertime Family Festivals, the KY Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert Series, Devou Park Fall Festival, Holiday Tree Lightings and annual winter Candy Cane Hunt.

For the volunteer type, the Recreation Department has the Devou Park West Hiking/Mountain Biking Trails and the Licking River Greenway Project, which are both important and wonderful opportunities get involved.





# Police Department

## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Covington Police Department is to enforce the laws and ordinances of the state and city, safeguard life and property, prevent and detect crime, preserve the peace, and protect the rights of all citizens.

## Organizational Values

### Integrity...

We uphold the public trust by being honest. We maintain the highest standards of ethical and moral character.

### Fairness...

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The Covington Police Department prides itself on engaging the citizens and communities it serves to identify and promptly address concerns. It actively sponsors and supports a city-wide Neighborhood Watch and Citizens-On-Patrol programs and on the third Wednesday of each month, the Police Chief personally hosts an open forum for community leaders and citizens to come into the Police Department to discuss current crime trends, crime prevention tactics, and any other public-safety concerns that the community holds.

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If you don't have a library card, getting one is easy and free. If you live in Kenton County, bring a valid ID and proof of residency, such as a recent piece of mail. If you live outside of Kenton County, bring your ID, proof of residency and a library card from your home county.

With your free library card, you can check out materials from any of the three Kenton County Public Library locations – Covington, Erlanger or Independence. You will also need a library card if you would like to access the Library's reference databases online from home or work. Databases are available by going to [www.kentonlibrary.org/ref](http://www.kentonlibrary.org/ref) and clicking on research and homework. These databases can help you build a business (Reference USA), prepare for the SAT or GED (Learning Express), fix your car (Chilton's), research medical topics (Medline Plus) and learn a new language (Mango and Little Pim).

The Mary Ann Mongan Library in Covington is also home to the largest collection of Northern Kentucky history and genealogy. The Library's Kentucky History and Genealogy department contains more than 20,000 volumes of historical facts, 8,000 reels of microfilm and 66,000 images in the Faces and Places photo archive, also available online.

Beginning in 2011, the Mary Ann Mongan Library in Covington at the corner of 5th and Scott Streets will undergo a major renovation. The library will be open during this renovation and expansion project. For more information or to learn more about the Library's programs and services, stop in or visit online at [www.kentonlibrary.org](http://www.kentonlibrary.org) or call (859) 962-4060.

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From our preschool programs to our International Baccalaureate program, Covington offers opportunities for all students to excel. Many Covington students begin their educational careers in our preschool program at the James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center. On the other end of the educational spectrum is Holmes High School, where students can earn college credit while in high school through our partnership with Gateway Community and Technical College.

Our district is quite unique. When students enter Holmes High School, they become part of a tradition that dates to 1853, when this great institution was founded as the first public high school in Kentucky. We are the only school district in Northern Kentucky to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, where students have an opportunity to earn an IB Diploma by completing university-level work in high school.

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In Covington, we, indeed, are preparing students for life. It is our goal is to have all graduating students equipped with the skills to go on to postsecondary education or to start a career. As students journey toward *Destination: Graduation*, we believe it is not only our responsibility, but our duty to guide them to ***Dream...Achieve...Succeed.***

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Sincerely,

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**In 2010, Covington lost one of our greatest resident advocates: Ron Einhaus.**

Ron, a longtime resident of Covington's Botany Hills neighborhood was an avid photographer, an organizer of Covington's Bicentennial Committee, and the keeper of Covington's history through his photography. Ron was instrumental in contributing many of the pictures to this publication, as well as prior year editions. His passion, friendship, and his love for Covington will be missed, but his legacy lives in all that he accomplished for Covington.





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# Newcomers Checklist

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Within 15 days after moving into Kentucky:



**Register your car/truck/motorcycle/mobile home/boat/van**

Bring title, most current registration, proof of any previously paid sales taxes, and current proof of insurance card to:  
Kenton County Clerk's Office  
303 Court Street  
Covington, Kentucky 41011  
859-392-1650  
Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 4 P.M. and until 6 P.M. on Friday



**Obtain a Kentucky driver license**

Bring current license, if any, and Social Security card to:  
Kenton County Justice Center  
230 Madison Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Covington, Kentucky 41011  
859-292-6579  
Monday – Friday 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. and the last Friday of the Month 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Within 28 days after moving to Covington, and/or into a new voting precinct:



**Register to vote**

Complete application at:  
Voter Registration Office  
303 Court Street  
Covington, Kentucky 41011  
859-392-1620  
Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Absentee ballots may be filed. However, the time for requesting an absentee ballot prior to election is longer than the registration period. Call to find the exact information on the specific election.



**Register your child/children for school in Covington**

Determine the school(s) he/she/they will attend, if possible, and call the schools for any requirements and instructions for registration. Bring child's birth certificate, medical records, and any report cards or transcripts from last school attended. If starting school for the first time, bring record of all vaccinations.

For information on where your child should attend, call:

Calvary Christian School • 5955 Taylor Mill Road • Covington, Kentucky 41015 • 859-356-9201  
Covington Independent Public Schools • 25 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street • Covington, Kentucky 41011 • 859-392-1000  
Covington Diocese • 402 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street • Covington, Kentucky 41015 • 859-392-1500  
Kenton County Board of Education • 1055 Eaton Drive • Fort Wright, Kentucky 41011 • 859-344-8888



**Register and license your dogs**

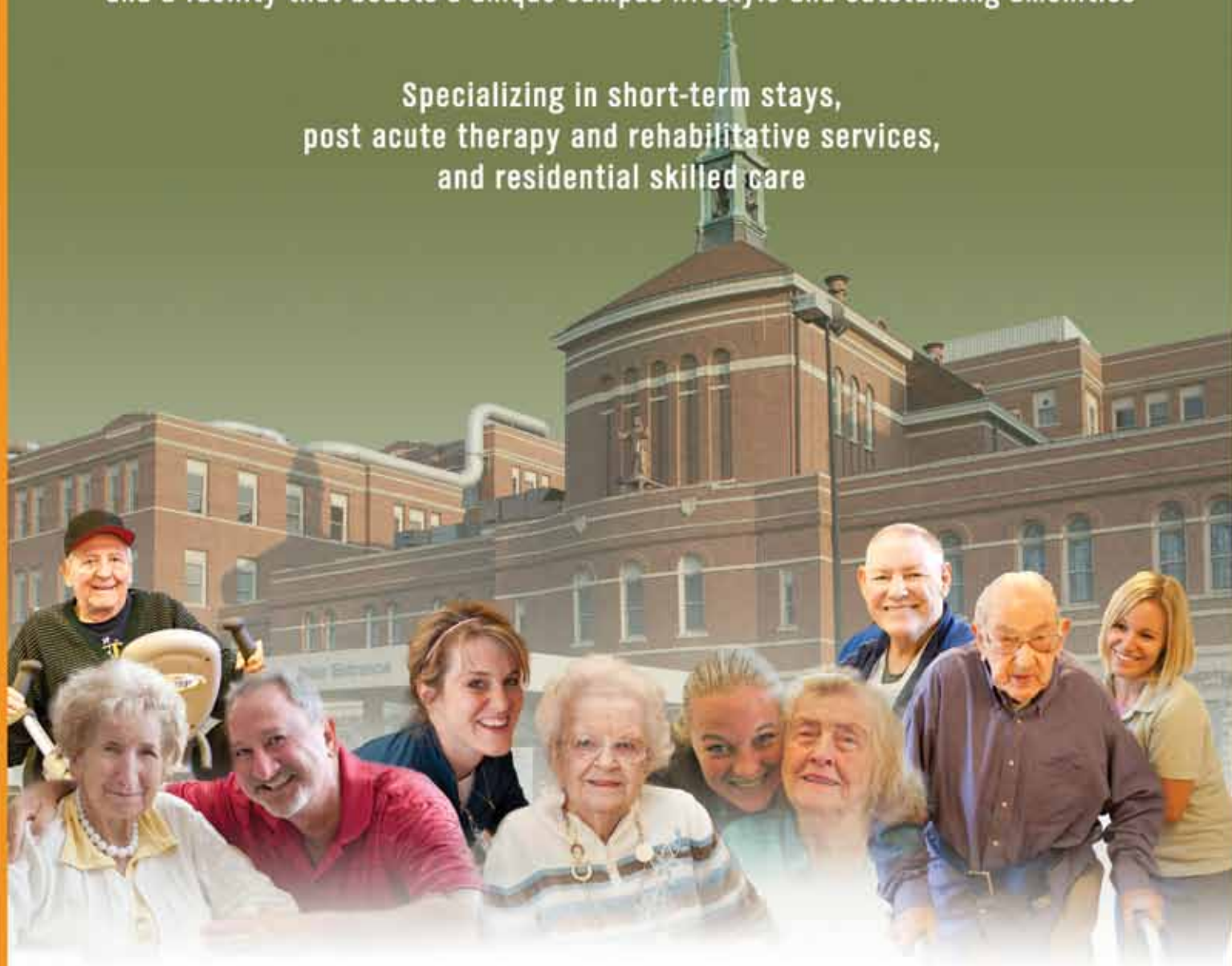
Dog licenses are available at City Hall in the Finance Department on the first floor (859-292-2175) and at the Public Improvement Department located at 4399 Boron Drive in Latonia (859-292-2292). The fee is \$5.00 for dogs that are spayed or neutered, \$10.00 for dogs that are unaltered, and \$30.00 for pit bulls, pit bull mixes and other vicious dogs. There are additional registration procedures for pit bulls, pit bull mixes, and vicious dogs. Failure to register and license your dogs may result in fines and/or criminal charges. Chapter 90: Animal Ordinance of the City of Covington Code of Ordinances can be viewed on our website at [www.covingtonky.com](http://www.covingtonky.com) and can be obtained in the Legal Department at City Hall, and the Kenton County Public Library at 502 Scott Boulevard.



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